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Alumna on Survivor II

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Amber and friend Andrew Schneider

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

While it's no longer fresh news that WC alumna, Amber Brkich, is a contestant on this season's Survivor II: Australian Outback-as long as she may last-it is appropriate to mention what there is to know about Amber Brkich, beyond CBS's data on her high school cheerleading days. She was a lot more than just a cheerleader.

Brkich's activities included her sorority membership to Alpha Gamma Delta, where she held the office of Vice-President '99-'00, and was very active in that position. Marianne Davis, fellow AGD and recent ex-Membership Coordinator in the sorority said that Brkich was "Definitely a leader. People really valued her opinion."

Brkich was considered by her sorority sisters to be a talented singer and dancer, and was always involved in choreographing the Alpha Gam's Sing 'n Swing performances that take place annually at the conclusion of Greek Week.

If you were too young to have had class with WC's new celebrity, perhaps you would recognize her from your first days on campus during freshman orientation. Brkich was an active Fresh Start staff member for three years. Regarding Brkich's involvement in Fresh Start, advisor Camille Hawthorne said, "We look for individuals who work well together on teams, able to take on leadership roles and help new students adjust to their new surroundings. Amber was friendly and

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Survivor II to be more challenging

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE WRITER

Survivor II: The Australian Outback premiered Sunday, January 28, following the Super Bowl. The new season introduced 16 new survivors, and a much different climate from that of last season's Swiss Family Robinson scenery. And of course... there was Amber, Westminster's now famous alum.

This season opened in the sky as the 16 new survivors were airlifted about five miles shy of their home for the next 42 days. The plane, property of the Australian military, dropped the survivors in the middle of the Outback - infamous for its vast, sometimes un-chartered territory not devoid of poisonous snakes, unpredictable weather, bug-infested fruit and the crocodile.

As the show opens, we look for Amber. She carries her own weight, helping her team haul the few supplies- water, rice, some rope and other gear for shelter, through the Outback, relying on nothing more than a compass and a map. Later, we see her trying to help her team make fire... the only means by which the survivors can cook.

This week's show focused mostly on the Ogakor tribe, as they were the team to lose the first immunity challenge. The challenge, mostly physical in nature, tested the participants' agility, as well as their ability to work together. The two teams had to fill in the gaps on a makeshift bridge using long boards and then had to carry themselves as well as a torch across the river and then back to the beach where a tower awaited. Each team chose a member to carry the torch and to climb and then to ignite the tower. The winning team, Kucha, was quicker and justly rewarded with immunity and fire (in the form of waterproof

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Phil to forecast weather

By Kendra McClymonds
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- info from www.groundhog.org

From his European roots to the Mardi Gras-like celebration, Punxsutawney Phil has had more than a century of rich tradition.

Groundhog Day, February 2nd, is a popular tradition in the United States - especially in this region of Western Pennsylvania where Punxsutawney is only 80 miles north of Pittsburgh. This day is also a very old legend that is often clouded with ethnic cultures and various animals awakening on specific dates. Myths such as these tie our present to the distant past when nature had stronger influences on our lives.

Today is the day Phil comes out of his hole, or man-made tree stump to be precise, to "predict" our weather. If he sees his shadow, he regards it as an omen of six more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole. If the day is cloudy and, therefore, shadowless, he takes it as a sign of spring and stays above ground.

This groundhog tradition stems from similar beliefs associated with Candlemas Day and the days of early Christians in Europe. For centuries, the

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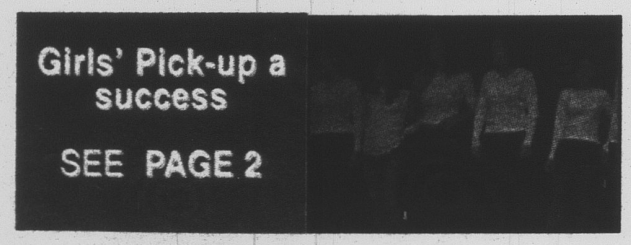
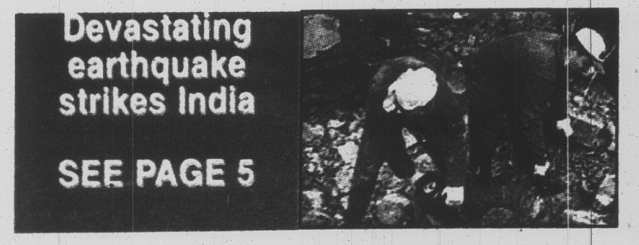
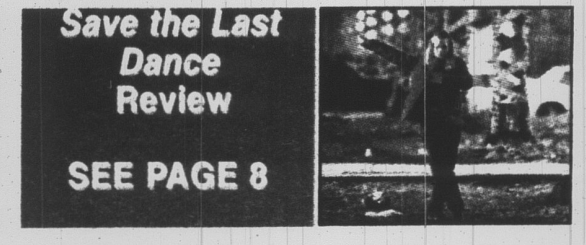
AP File photo

Phil casts a shadow at Gobbler's Knob.







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Sunday: Rain, Snow high 47° low 32°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Sororities gather in Orr for girls' pick-up

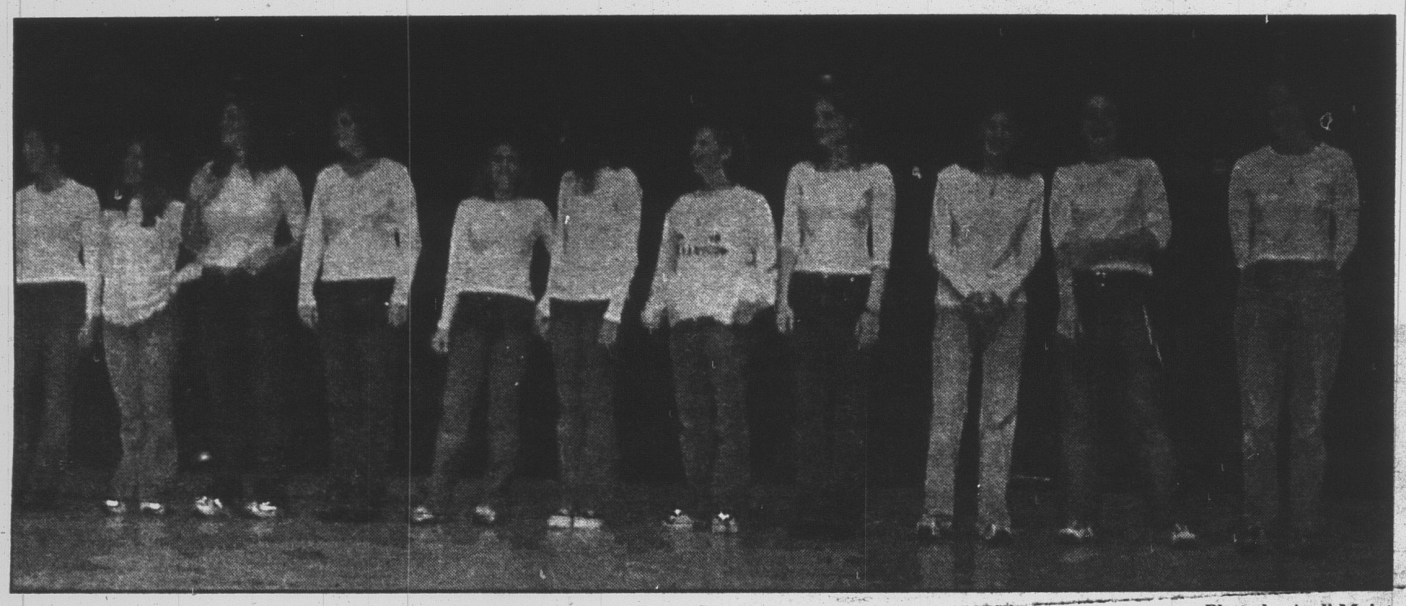

Photo by Andi Majot

Freshman girls wait in anticipation for their bids to be announced.

By Alyssa Detore
STAFF WRITER

One long, hectic, exciting week of anticipation paid off for sororities Saturday morning.

At 11:00 a.m., each sorority crowded Orr Auditorium to finally welcome their new members into the Greek system. An array of colors, ranging from each sorority's pick-up day shirts and painted faces to their balloons, decorated the area. There was even a visit from the Phi Mu mascot, the lion.

Each of the five sororities planned a day of bonding activities to promote sisterhood, which varied from bowling to a movie marathon.

Phi Mu, who picked up eleven new members, took them bowling and to the basketball game.

"We're really excited to see the new pledges wearing our letters," Corrine Gaglia, Phi Mu president said. "They're all really great girls that add a lot to our sorority."

Zeta Tau Alpha also attended the basketball game and provided lunch on their suite in Ferguson Hall for their new pledges. They also played various bonding games and went on a scavenger hunt together.

"All the time and energy we put through rush really paid off," President Michelle Knestrick said. "We're all very excited to start the semester with fifteen wonderful new girls."

The Kappa Deltas also welcomed fifteen new girls into their sorority and ate pizza, played bonding activities, and had a movie marathon.

"We got fifteen great girls, so we're really excited," President Stephanie Morris said.

Sigma Kappa picked up fifteen girls and provided pizza and sisterhood activities in the afternoon, and then spent the evening bowling.

"Rush week as a whole was great," President Corry Yeuroukis said. "It really gives the sisters the opportunity to really pull together and remember what sisterhood is all about and how much we really mean to each other."

Alpha Gamma Delta welcomed fifteen new "baby squirrels" and celebrated with a pizza party in Duff Dining Hall, followed by roller-skating, and ending with a sisterhood retreat with bonding games and prizes.

"We're really happy about all the girls we picked up," junior Lindsey Yankle said. "Each girl adds something special to our sorority."

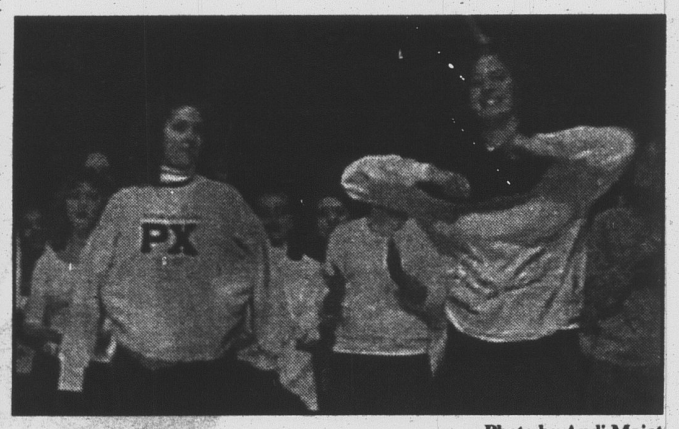

Photo by Andi Majot

Two Rho Chi's unveil their sorority identities.

New Chaplain selected; to come Fall '01

By Keturah Laney
Assistant Chaplain

By now you've probably heard that Westminster has a new Chaplain, Steve Allen. Steve won't be here on a regular basis until the Fall of 2001. Until that time we as a community will be blessed with the presence of several pastors and lay ministers who will offer rich perspectives on faith and living in God's world.

In the past three months, I've been in contact with pastors and lay ministers who have direct connections to the college. Folks who have agreed to preach at Vespers have graduated from, worked for, or are have a direct relationship to Westminster via a co-worker or previous involvement on campus. Each week we will meet and be served by someone who is familiar with the Westminster community and sub-groups.

One of the difficulties of welcoming a new person week after week is that there is little chance to get to know the person behind the sermon. In an effort to further connect our speakers to all gathered in this space, we will feature a biographical sketch of each preacher in the Holcad on the Friday before he/she is scheduled to preach.

Some of the folks you will read about and eventually meet include Rev. Tom Houston, our neighbor across the street, Rev. Drew Elling, former Westminster CCO staff person and Westminster's own Church Relations Director, Rev. Bill Maloney. Bill will be preaching this Sunday and will preside over communion.

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matches).

Amber's team won the first immunity challenge so she is now one of 15 survivors making her bid for the million-dollar prize. In the end, Ogakor's tough corrections officer, Deb, was the first to get knocked off. In her confessional, Deb expresses frustration - she didn't understand why she got voted off. Amber, unlike Deb, has at least another week.

CEA gives scholarships to students studying abroad

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Although studying abroad can offer a student incredible experiences, it can also come with a large price tag. That tag, however, is not quite as large for two Westminster students.

Seniors Danielle Perfetti and Lisa Raidel were recently awarded scholarships from Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA). The two students will use the scholarships to help offset the cost of their study abroad trips this semester.

Perfetti, an English major, earned a $500 scholarship which she will use to travel to Scotland. Raidel, an international business major, earned a $250 scholarship and will be traveling to Dijon, France.

"Lisa is always on top of things and is a very thorough and inquisitive student," said Shelly Pilla, Program Advisor for CEA.

Perfetti and Raidel first had to meet selection criteria and compose essays. Scholarships were then awarded to deserving students who show leadership potential and are involved in activities centered on multicultural or international issues.

"Our goal is to enable students to develop an international outlook that provides them with the skills necessary to survive in an increasingly diverse and multicultural world," Pilla said.

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custom was to have the clergy bless candles and distribute them to the people. Even then, it marked a milestone in the winter and the weather on that day was important. In honor of Candlemas, this old English song mirrors our present-day tradition as it states:

If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Come, Winter, have another flight;
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,
Go Winter, and come not again.

This tradition came to us because Pennsylvania's earliest settlers were Germans and they found groundhogs in abundance in many parts of the state. They determined that the groundhog, resembling the European hedgehog, was "a most intelligent and sensible animal." They therefore decided that if the sun did appear on February 2nd, so wise an animal as the groundhog would see its shadow and hurry back into its underground home for another six weeks of winter.

Early observances of Phil's predictions were conducted privately in the wooded areas that neighbor the town of Punxsutawney. Today's celebration sees tens of thousands of visitors from all over the world flock to the small town to await Phil's appearance as if they were wild fans waiting to see their favorite rock stars. There are day-long events, tons of carnival-like food, and countless souvenirs. Who knew this old tradition would turn a simple groundhog's fictitious weather-predicting powers into such a widely recognized celebration!

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Fraternity blaze kills three; students call for increased fire safety

HARRISBURG -- Jamie Dezzi watched his fraternity brother burn to death in an early morning fire that raced through the Tau Kappa Epsilon house at Bloomsburg University last year.

Dezzi, of Philadelphia, escaped. Three other students died and three were injured.

Yesterday, Dezzi rallied support for a bill that would mandate that fire sprinklers be installed in all dormitories and fraternity and sorority houses at every college and university in the state, as is being done in New Jersey.

If his fraternity had sprinklers, there would have been time for everyone to escape, Dezzi said.

"I lost three brothers on March 19, 2000," Dezzi said, choking back tears. "It was fast. It was unfair. It was too fast. All we needed was a few more seconds. A few more seconds, that's all we're asking for. I think about it every day."

The bill passed the House overwhelmingly in November, but it died when the Senate did not act on it and the legislative session ended.

The bill's sponsor, state Rep. Mike McGeehan, D-Philadelphia, reintroduced it yesterday and organized a rally attended by roughly 1,000 union members, many of whom were bused to the Capitol.

"We don't need to look past Bloomsburg ... to know this is so critically needed," said McGeehan.

Some union members held signs that read, "How high must the body count rise?" and others that claimed 1,800 fires break out each year in student housing.

Requiring the installation of fire sprinklers at a statewide cost of between $125 million and $400 million would create hundreds of jobs.

McGeehan's bill already has 69 co-sponsors. The bill would give all colleges and universities five years to install sprinklers, but provides a two-year extension for schools experiencing financial difficulties or other hardships. The bill would cover all new and existing dormitories and fraternity and sorority houses, as well as any buildings that had been converted to residential use.

The bill would create a $125 million loan fund, the amount McGeehan said experts consider to be the price tag statewide. Some critics of the bill, however, estimate the cost at $400 million.

"We are aware this is an enormous burden for colleges and universities," McGeehan said. "But I think we have a moral obligation" to students.

The cost boils down to $50 per student a year, which is "the equivalent of five pizzas a year," he said.

If the bill becomes law, the state loans taken out by colleges and universities to install sprinklers will have to be repaid, a cost likely to be passed on to students, noted state Rep. Sara G. Steelman, D-Indiana.

"But what they are getting for that money is priceless," she said.

Few people appear to be against the idea of seeing sprinklers installed. The issues are whether the state should mandate it, who should pay for them and how quickly should it be done.

Weird News

Chip hog

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Humans aren't the only ones pigging out on potato chips. Ohio State University researcher Sha Rahnema found that pigs can be fattened for the market faster if 12.5% of the corn in their diet is replaced with an equivalent amount of potato chip scraps - cracked or burned pieces that don't make it into the bag. The different diet didn't affect the pigs' taste - most taste-testers couldn't tell the difference between the pigs that ate corn and the ones that ate chips, Rahnema said.

Breaking into prison?

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - A man was arrested after trying to scale a prison wall - from the outside. Wayne Starkey, 35, was charged with burglary after trying to climb the west guard tower of the Volusia County Correctional Facility, police said. Starkey told prison officials he climbed the tower last week in search of mail from his girlfriend, who is detained in the prison. Starkey said letters from her hadn't been delivered to him.

Punch now or forever hold your peace

TOKYO - A drunken guest at a Tokyo wedding had a little trouble holding his peace. The rowdy guest, who forcibly kissed the bride and punched the groom in the face, was ordered to pay $30,500 by a Tokyo court. The guest was an acquaintance of the groom's father. The groom was rushed to a hospital for treatment after he was punched at the wedding last summer.

Running on empty

AIKEN, S.C. - A man accused of stealing beer from a convenience store was caught after he ran out of gas just as he started his getaway, police said. Tom Aaron Bennett allegedly entered the store, grabbed two cases of Budweiser and headed out the door. According to a police report, Bennett then jumped into his truck and drove off, but ran out of gas so quickly that a store employee chasing him on foot was able to catch up to the truck. A police officer arrived at the same time and took Bennett into custody.

Keeping prisoners in their place

MAYVILLE, N.Y. - Hoping to increase safety and keep prisoners in line, the Chautauqua County Jail has issued prisoners zebra-striped coveralls, pink underwear and bright orange footwear. Sheriff Joseph Gerace, who has also banned basketball at the jail, is considering even more changes: He said the distinctive black-and-white uniforms would make inmates more readily identifiable. Gerace said the moves aren't primarily aimed at making prison less pleasant. But he also remarked, "It bothers me that jail isn't tougher."

Sibling rivalry nets a tie

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Catherine and James Mack may just be the country's most perfect teen-age siblings - at least according to their SAT scores. Catherine, a high school junior, found out that she scored a perfect 1,600 on the SAT. James, a senior, achieved the college entrance exam's highest score when he took the test last summer. A 25-year employee of the College Board, which administers the test, said she remembers only one other pair of siblings who accomplished the feat. Identical twins from Minnesota both earned the maximum score about a decade ago, she said.

Electronic Super Bowl draws fans

CANTON, Ohio - Move over Sega and Nintendo: Electric football is having its day at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. More than 1,000 collectors and enthusiasts packing vibrating gridiron game boards are attending the seventh annual Electric Football Super Bowl and Convention this weekend at the Hall of Fame. Introduced in 1947, the game increased in popularity through the 1970s, but the arrival of video games all but silenced the buzz in the 1980s. The game is going through a renaissance, which Miggle President Michael Landsman says is part of a backlash against "antisocial computer and video games."

Cabbies learn their manners

TRENTON, N.J. - Cab drivers here may soon have to know more than just the rules of the road. They'll have to know proper etiquette, too. City officials are considering tougher rules for cabbies, including a mandatory class on how to be more polite to customers. The proposal follows a stream of complaints about messy cabs and rude drivers.

Dumb thief, part one

WINONA, Minn. - It didn't take Sherlock Holmes to crack the case of the stolen safe - not with clues like these. A man reported a safe containing cash was stolen from his home Monday night. So police followed bicycle tracks leading from the man's yard. Deputy Chief Andrea Foss said officers noticed the rider stopped frequently, leaving a square imprint in the snow at each stop - the same size as the safe. The trail led to a man's backyard, where police found the safe and arrested a 20-year-old man who was in the yard. "The bike was stolen, too," Foss said.

Government pays for tattoo removal

ROTORUA, New Zealand - Tattoos appear to be taboo among some New Zealand employers, so a government-funded project is paying for the unemployed to have them removed by laser. The agency Work and Income New Zealand received a $250,000 government grant to pay for tattoo removals in the town of Rotorua, 250 miles north of the New Zealand capital, Wellington. People with visible tattoos are often discriminated against in the job market, said Julie Hill, a spokeswoman for the agency. When they have them removed their chances of finding jobs increase, she added.

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NATIONAL

Double murder at Dartmouth leaves community wanting answers

HANOVER, N.H.(AP) - The safe, close-knit feel of Dartmouth College was shattered Sunday by the apparent murders of two professors, a couple described as the pillars of the Ivy League school's faculty and known for opening their home and hearts to others.

Susanne and Half Zantop had welcomed so many guests into their home "they practically seemed to run a hotel," said colleague Bruce Duncan.

Police said at a late afternoon news conference, nearly a day after the bodies were found, that the deaths were considered a double homicide. They released scant details, saying that doing so could jeopardize the investigation.

Attorney General Philip McLaughlin said he didn't know if anyone else was in danger.

"If we have a specific, reliable reason to believe the community is at risk, we would express that because that would be our duty," McLaughlin said.

Sunday night, about 50 faculty members, administrators and students met on campus. Many embraced, some were tearful, most seemed as though they were in shock.

Administrators said a support network would be established, beginning with a hotline to be operational Monday morning. Some of those in attendance expressed frustration that police were releasing so little information.

"They have not shared much with us at all in order to protect their investigation," said college Provost Susan Prager. "We must understand why they are following this practice."

A guest arriving at the Zantop's home Saturday evening found the bodies, said neighbor and friend Audrey McCollum.

"She went in and called out; there was no answer," McCollum said in an interview Sunday. "She turned and saw Susanne on the floor with blood around her."

The guest, identified by others as Dartmouth languages instructor Roxanne Verona, rushed to the McCollum home to call police. McCollum said her husband, Robert, a doctor, then went to the Zantop home.

"He saw enough to know for certain they were both dead and had been dead for a number of hours," Audrey McCollum said.

Verona said police told her not to talk to reporters about the discovery, but she was willing to talk briefly about her friends.

Duncan said Susanne Zantop studied German colonialism and was considered among the top in her field. Half Zantop specialized in economic geology, the study of valuable ore deposits.

He probably was the most popular professor in his department, said fellow faculty member James Aronson.

"He was the one person in the department who would always come up with a solution that was oriented toward fairness," Aronson said.

The couple had two adult daughters: Veronika, 29, who lives in San Francisco, and Mariana, 27, of New York City.

Hanover, a picturesque town of just under 10,000, is lively but generally safe.

When two female students from Ethiopia were murdered with an ax in 1991, police said they were the first murders in town in more than 40 years and the first of Dartmouth students in memory. An Ethiopian man allegedly spurned by one of the victims was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Oklahoma State b-ball mourns team members killed in crash

BYERS, Colo. (AP) - National Transportation Safety Board investigators began their probe Sunday into a plane crash that killed 10 people, including two Oklahoma State basketball players and six staffers and broadcasters associated with the men's team. The plane crashed in a snowstorm Saturday night while returning from a game in Colorado, officials said.

The plane went down about 40 miles east of Denver after taking off from Jefferson County Airport, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman John Clabes said. The pilot and co-pilot also died.

Wreckage was strewn over about a quarter of a mile across a field.

"There's luggage and parts of seats and pieces of clothing. Everything that would be on an airplane was scattered and shattered," said police Sgt. Craig Coleman. "It is very gruesome."

The NTSB team, which is headed up by board member John Hammerschmidt, will be looking for the plane's flight-data recorders, which were not immediately found Saturday. Oklahoma State players Nate Fleming and Daniel Lawson, sports information employee Will Hancock, Oklahoma State director of basketball operations Pat Noyes, trainer Brian Luinstra, broadcast engineer Kendall Durfey, Oklahoma City broadcaster Bill Teegins, pilot Denver Mills and co-pilot Bjorn Falistrom were on board the plane, said

Oklahoma State sports information director Steve Buzzard.

Also killed in the crash was student manager Jared Weiberg, the nephew of Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg.

"The players are handling this with each other and obviously are grieving very deeply," Buzzard said.

The Big 12 on Sunday indefinitely postponed Oklahoma State's Tuesday night game at Texas Tech.

The Beechcraft King Air 200 Catpass was one of three planes ferrying team members back from a game in Boulder when it crashed at about 5:35 p.m.

The plane, tail number N81PF, was registered to North Bay Charter of Reno, Nev., the FAA said.

Greg Feith of the NTSB, interviewed by KUSA-TV, said the aircraft type "has an outstanding record. This is a solid airplane flying in these conditions if flown correctly." The downed airliner would be "less prone to get above the weather" than the other two planes chartered by the team, which were corporate jets, said Gary Johnson, airport manager for Stillwater, Okla.

Mills was a "very safe" and experienced pilot who was familiar with the Beechcraft King Air 200 Catpass he was flying, said family friend Judy Bachman.

"I have flown with Denver before," Bachman said. "He has the reputation of being a very cautious and excellent pilot. He knew that plane like the back of his hand."

She said Mills, an Oklahoma City accountant who also sold and leased aircraft, had piloted aircraft for OSU athletes, including members of the golf and basketball teams, for about five or six years.

Bachman, who answered the telephone at Mills' residence, said his wife, Lindell, was taking the tragedy "very hard." The couple have three children, one of whom is an OSU student.

The Oklahoma State team had a Big 12 conference matchup Saturday against the University of Colorado, losing 81-71 to end a five-game winning streak. The team had a 13-4 overall record, 4-2 in league play.

National Briefs

Puffy Combs' trial starts

NEW YORK - The weapons and bribery trial of Sean "Puffy" Combs began Monday, with prosecutors for the first time saying the rap star fired a gun inside a Times Square nightclub as one of his proteges allegedly shot and wounded three people. Combs, 31, was arrested after he fled the club with his girlfriend, actress-singer Jennifer Lopez, who has not been charged.

Storm warning posted, schools delayed

LUBBOCK, Texas - Trucks were banned from some highways in the Texas Panhandle on Monday because of ice remaining from a weekend storm that dumped a foot of snow. The same storm also piled heavy snow in the Colorado Rockies during the weekend, with 43 inches in 48 hours. More than 100 avalanches were reported in Colorado from Thursday through Sunday, but no injuries were reported.

City block on fire in southern Ohio town

GEORGETOWN, Ohio - Firefighters are battling a blaze that struck a city block early on Monday in a historic downtown section of this southern Ohio town, heavily damaging about five buildings. No injuries were reported.

NYC airport racked up delays at unprecedented rate

BOSTON - New York's LaGuardia Airport amassed delays in 2000 at a pace that exceeded anything ever logged at a major U.S. airport, according to federal statistics obtained by USA TODAY. The airport has been clogged by hundreds of new flights after the government eased a cap on operations there. More than 61,000 flights were delayed at least 15 minutes last year at LaGuardia, equal to 15.6% of all its flights, according to preliminary data.

Couple believes they've found fried chicken recipe

SHELBYVILLE, Ky. - The handwritten note that Tommy and Cherry Settle discovered in their basement a year ago could be the answer to one of the country's best kept culinary secrets - Colonel Harland Sanders' recipe for fried chicken. The couple bought their Shelbyville home from Sanders and his wife in the early 1970s and last year discovered a recipe for fried chicken while digging through boxes left in the basement.

Discovery of bones may close O'Hair case

CAMP WOOD, Texas - This weekend's discovery of human remains in a shallow grave on Madalyn Murray O'Hair's ranch suggests the long investigation into the atheist leader's 1995 disappearance may be near an end. A metal artificial hip and three skulls were unearthed Sunday near the same area where other human bones had been found a day earlier. Though police stopped short of confirming the identity of the bodies, they said they believe the search is over.

INTERNATIONAL

Survivors of Indian Earthquake still being rescued

BHUJ, India (AP) - Rescue workers digging through the rubble of a collapsed building

Monday uncovered a dead woman and, in her lap, an eight-month-old child, covered in her blood but kept alive by the shelter of her body through three cold nights. It was one of the increasingly rare dramatic rescues in this devastated town, where funeral pyres have been burning around the clock in the wake of Friday's earthquake. So far, 6,287 people are known dead, and officials said Monday that damages reached $5.5 billion.

"It was just miraculous," said R.K. Thakur, a Border Security Forces assistant commandant, who was among the rescue workers who found the baby, Murtza Ali, under a collapsed building in the Bhuj's Kansara Market.

His team was trying to recover the body of a woman from the rubble when they realized the blood-covered baby in her lap was alive.

"We saw the baby in the mother's lap, we saw some movement from the baby. I took the baby in my hand and I found it was alive," Thakur said.

The boy was rushed to a medical center, where doctors later said he was conscious and smiling. Doctors said it was the warmth of the mother's body and the protection it offered that helped the baby survive during nights when temperatures dropped to 44 degrees.

In Bhachau, a town east of Bhuj, a seven-month-old girl was rescued from the rubble of her home, and hours later was being passed around the arms of her joyous mother and relatives.

But such points of hope are becoming rare.

"Hope of finding survivors is dwindling hour by hour, but as long as there is hope, we won't give up," said Joachim Ahrens, spokesman for a Swiss government agency responsible for a rescue team in Bhuj. "The hopes are dwindling but they are not yet dead."

By official count, Friday's 7.9-magnitude quake had killed 6,287 people in the industrial state of Gujarat in western India, and the state's chief minister, Keshubhai Patel, said the toll could go as high as 20,000.

Tremors lasting up to 30 seconds continued to shake India on Monday, panicking residents but causing no new damage beyond minor cracks in buildings. A magnitude-4.3 quake struck in the morning near Bangalore, a city 850 miles southeast of Friday's epicenter.

In the first estimate of the damage, the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry put losses at $5.5 billion, in addition to a daily production loss of $111 million, Secretary General Amit Mitra said.

Clearly overwhelmed, the government said Sunday it would ask for a $1.5 billion loan from the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank for reconstruction.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, touring the devastation in Gujarat state Monday, announced a federal relief grant of $108 million and an additional $3 million from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

He added that he was creating a national disaster agency to ensure immediate response to emergencies. "The country is not ready to face such disasters."

Survivors on Monday complained that confusion and a lack of equipment was hampering search efforts. Rescuers lacked cranes, bulldozers and generators for lights. Soldiers were beginning searches at first light and stopping when the sun set.

"They work from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. only. This is emergency duty. They should work round the clock," said Pradeep Sheth, 46, who was rescued from under the rubble after seven hours.

Sheth, whose wife, mother and two daughters were still trapped in the debris, wondered how soldiers would clear the rubble. "There are live people trapped inside. We can hear their sounds," he said.

Survivors huddled in open fields, wrapped in blankets. Some organized free kitchens, cooking rice, vegetables and lentils in huge vats.

"We have only ourselves to turn to," said Ramiklal Jaisa, 72. He and 5,000 others have been camping in a field since Friday.

Vajpayee visited Bhuj Military Hospital as doctors performed abdominal surgery on a 4-year-old child pulled from the rubble Sunday. The people of Gujarat "are not alone in this. There are plans being drafted for rehabilitation and reconstruction of this area," a grim-faced Vajpayee said.

AP File Photo

Rescue workers search rubble for survivors

The United States on Sunday announced it would donate $5 million to the rescue efforts.

In New Delhi, Agriculture Minister Bhaskar Barua appealed Monday to private aid groups for field hospitals, clothing, cranes and other equipment to help clear debris.

Two navy hospital ships and a third vessel equipped with medical equipment, blankets and tents were dispatched from Bombay, he said. About 750 doctors and other health workers, more than 5,000 rescue workers and dozens of bulldozers have been sent, he said.

Pakistan will send a plane loaded with blankets and tents to neighboring India, the Pakistani foreign minister said, after New Delhi relented and agreed Monday to accept aid from Islamabad - an uneasy neighbor against whom it has fought three wars. As many as 18 people in Pakistan died in the quake.

Mad Cow Disease spreads

By Anita Manning and Patrick O'Driscoll
USA TODAY

The carcasses of mad cows piling up across Europe serve as cautionary symbols to Americans: There, but for the grace of God, go we.

Terrifying reports of young people overseas dying of a mysterious brain disease linked to consumption of infected beef have led to a growing consumer panic that threatens to wash across the Atlantic to the shores of America.

Could it happen here? Experts say it's possible that an American cow could come down with mad cow disease. But the likelihood that it could pass to other cows - and into the American food supply - is remote, they say, because federal regulatory agencies have erected a series of defenses they hope will keep the disease out of the USA.

The federal government has stopped imports of beef from Britain and other European countries where cows have been diagnosed with the disease, banned the use of most cow remains in cattle feed and taken steps to bar blood donations from people who have spent a lot of time in Europe.

Nonetheless, concern is rising that there are holes in the firewalls. And that despite the efforts of science and government, Americans are not immune. Critics say regulations on livestock feed, dietary supplements that use bovine parts and blood policy are inadequate.

The firewalls erected by federal regulatory agencies "look more like white picket fences," says scientist Michael Hansen of Consumers Union, an advocacy group in Yonkers, N.Y. He says potentially dangerous meat products containing brain and spinal cord material from cattle are still produced in the USA, though they're not allowed in cattle feed. Cosmetics and dietary supplement regulations don't bar the use of imported bovine ingredients, and not enough is known about a mad cow-like disease in deer and elk for anyone to feel complacent, he says.

Mad cow disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), emerged in British cattle in the 1980s. Since then, 92 people in three European countries have contracted the human form of the disease, variant Creutzfeld-Jakob disease, from eating infected beef.

Yet there are potentially dangerous inconsistencies in U.S. policy that could leave Americans vulnerable, some experts say.

"It's extremely unlikely that we would ever have a situation like they had in the United Kingdom in this country," says George Gray of the Harvard School of Public Health, which is conducting a risk analysis, due this spring, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "I'm unwilling to say we'll never have it. We could."

International Briefs

Barak and Arafat resume recriminations

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Ehud Barak on Monday ruled out any contacts with Yasser Arafat before Israel's Feb. 6 election and accused the Palestinian leader of unleashing an "attack of lies" against Israel. Israeli and Palestinian negotiators finished a round of peace talks Saturday in Egypt amid an upbeat atmosphere. Barak said he was still committed to peace efforts, but "After we heard Arafat's comments in Davos yesterday...there's no point continuing discussions these days."

Pinochet indicted for political killings

SANTIAGO, Chile - A federal judge reinstated homicide and kidnapping charges against Gen. Augusto Pinochet on Monday and said the former dictator was being placed under house arrest in connection with a series of political killings under his 17-year military rule. For months, a judge has been investigating Pinochet in connection with the so-called Caravan of Death, a military squadron that hopscotched Chile by helicopter, executing 75 political prisoners in the early weeks of Pinochet's dictatorship.

Gates pushes cures for disease

DAVOS, Switzerland - Bill Gates took center stage Monday at the World Economic Forum, goading other corporate heavyweights to do more to fight global disease and expounding on his first love: computers. Gates, speaking on a panel with U.N. health officials, said he was shocked by the small amount of money going into research and treatment of diseases in the world's poorer countries.

Police fire on students in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Police fired tear gas and warning shots as thousands of rock-throwing demonstrators stormed the gates of Indonesia's parliament on Monday in the largest protest yet against the country's president. Three students were badly beaten. The estimated 10,000 protesters demanded that President Abdurrahman Wahid quit over two corruption scandals.

Israeli unions widen strike

JERUSALEM - Israeli state employees widened their strike Monday to include oil and fuel sector workers, but flights in and out of the country's international airport were resumed after being canceled for a day. Workers at the state-owned oil refinery and fuel transport company joined the stoppage. About 400,000 public sector employees are either on strike or are conducting a go-slow as the giant Histadrut labor federation presses for wage hikes and improved pensions.

SPORTS

Titans fall to Bethany; end winning streak

By Jamie Reddinger
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster College men's basketball team saw its three-game winning streak snapped in a 95-91 loss to Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) rival Bethany College Jan. 24. The Titans are 12-6 overall, 2-1 in the PAC.

Senior forward Chad Phillips highlighted the loss, becoming just the 30th player in the program's history to reach 1,000 career points. Phillips, who needed 17 points to reach 1,000 entering the contest, scored his 17th and 18th points of the game on a driving lay-up with four minutes to play in the first half. He finished the game with a career-high 38 points on 17-of-22 shooting from the field.

Bethany controlled the game from the outset, firing on all cylinders en route to a 17 point lead (32-15) midway through the first half. Westminster slowly crept back and went into halftime trailing by just six points (49-43), despite the Bisons shooting 61percent (20-of-33) from the field in the opening 20 minutes. The Titans cut the lead to one point (55-54) early in the second half, but Bethany quickly reasserted a double-digit lead which it held for much of the period. Westminster made one final run in the closing minutes, cutting the lead to three points (92-89) on a free throw with 26 seconds left. However, Bethany's Scott Johnson made two free throws with 20 seconds left to build back a five-point lead, then a Bethany steal sealed the win.

In addition to Phillips, senior forward Henry Klinar posted a double-double with 18 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Sophomore guard Rick Giordano added 14 points in the loss for the Titans.

The men returned home Jan. 27 to beat PAC rival Grove City in a come-from-behind 54-52 win, improving to 13-6 overall and 3-1 in the PAC.

Grove City led most of the first half, leading by as many as six points on two occasions before settling in with a 25-20 halftime lead. The Wolverines built the lead to nine points (34-25) with 14:34 to play. Westminster rallied midway through the period, finally tying the score at 41-41 with 8:15 to go. The two teams exchanged four leads down the stretch before the Titans went on top for good 51-49 on senior guard Andy Wormsley's jumper with 1:48 to play. The Titans led 53-49 when Wolverine Shane Meling cut the lead to one on a three-pointer with six seconds left.

Klinar was fouled with four seconds left and made 1-of-2 free throws to give Westminster a 54-52 lead. Grove City attempted a potential game-winning three-pointer just inside half-court as time expired, only to see it bounce off the back of the rim.

Wormsley scored a game-high 20 points, while Klinar added 13 points and a game-high nine rebounds. Phillips, the team's leading scorer at 24.2 points per game, missed the contest with a sprained ankle. He is not expected to miss another start.

The Titan cagers hit the road Jan. 31 to face PAC rival Washington & Jefferson College. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Lady Titans eke out 69-68 win over Bethany

By Jamie Reddinger
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Titan basketball team improved to 7-9 overall and 3-0 in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) against Bethany College in a 69-68 victory Jan. 24. Sophomore forward Samor Himes sunk the game-winning jumper with four seconds to play.

In a close game throughout, Bethany, the defending PAC women's basketball champion, went into halftime with a narrow one-point lead at 33-32. The Bisons continued to hold a one-point lead into the final seconds, setting up Himes' game-winning shot.

Sophomore guard Ashley led the Titans, coming off the bench to bucket a career high 25 points on 9-of-16 shooting including five three-pointers. Junior guard Robin Thayer added 14 points and sophomore forward Teale Ganster chipped in 11. Himes scored six points, while hauling in a game-high 13 rebounds. Sophomore guard Jennifer Petures dished out a game-high nine assists.

The Lady Titans then returned home to improve to 8-9 overall and a perfect 4-0 against PAC teams Jan. 27, topping PAC rival Grove City 49-31. It was the fourth consecutive win for Westminster, while the Lady Wolverines (11-6) dropped their second consecutive contest. Grove City's 31 points mark the lowest point total allowed by Westminster this season.

Westminster led the entire game, racing to a 12-2 lead five and a half minutes into the game. Grove City cut the lead to five points (20-15) with 6:38 to play in the half, but the Lady Titans built the lead back to nine points (27-18) heading into intermission. The Lady Wolverines cut the lead to six points (30-24) with 17:46 to play, but Westminster outscored Grove City 19-7 the rest of the way to seal the victory.

Thayer and Ganster tied for team scoring honors with 15 points apiece. Ganster also grabbed 11 rebounds to post a double-double. Himes grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds, while Petures dished out five assists in the victory.

The Lady Titans travel to PAC rival Washington & Jefferson Jan. 31. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. as Westminster travels to face PAC rival Washington & Jefferson College. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Swimming

Saturday, Feb. 3 Ashland at home

Women's Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 3 at Thiel*

Monday, Feb. 5 Pitt-Greensburg at home

Wednesday, Feb. 7 Bethany* at home

Men's Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 3 at Thiel*

Wednesday, Feb. 7 Bethany* at home

* Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) game

Super Bowl shame: NFL murder trial

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Ray Lewis and Art Modell now have Super Bowl rings. They are the heroes of a nation and children all over the world have a newfound respect for these men. What a shame and disgrace for our country.

January 31 is the anniversary of the deaths of Richard Lollar and Shorty Baker. Those names aren't familiar? They were the men that were left to die on a street corner in Atlanta after last year's Super Bowl. According to a jury in Fulton County, no one killed them. There was no one to blame, even though Lewis and his two friends were the only people left alive at the scene of the crime, yet they don't know who committed the murders. The blood of the two men was found in Lewis's limo and in the lobby restroom of the Holiday Inn, where the limo stopped after the stabbings. The clothes that Lewis wore that night have never been found. Not only that, but one of Lewis's pals bought three knives the day before at a sporting goods store where Lewis was giving an appearance. Coincidence? Apparently so, because Lewis got away with being charged with a misdemeanor of obstructing justice before being awarded the NFL Defensive Player of the Year award.

Lewis also handled himself well at the Press Day before the Super Bowl, refusing to answer questions about the murder, yet saying he has sympathy for the families of the deceased. Lewis showed no compassion, acting as if the murders were merely a distraction on the way to the Super Bowl. I wonder if it's only a distraction to India Smith, the 10-month-old daughter of Lollar, who was born five weeks after her father was murdered? I wonder if the family of Baker minds that his murderer is still free and sees the man they suspect awarded the Super Bowl MVP award?

Art Modell is not a murderer. He did not commit any felonies and walk away a free man. He is simply scum. Ask any Cleveland fan and they will agree with me. The Baltimore Ravens should not exist and the Browns should have been the Super Bowl champs this year. It would have taken a miracle for this exact Baltimore team to have been playing in Cleveland this season, I know. But to see Modell, the thief that stole a team from its home, win in another city was torture for any Cleveland fan. It even surprises me that Baltimore can root for a team that was taken from their city, after they were robbed of the Colts, but a winning team can make even the most bitter Colt fans forget their disaster. Either way, Modell will not be forgotten in Cleveland and there will be a day when he will get what is coming to him.

The one good point about the Ravens winning the Super Bowl is that New York was denied two major pro sports championships this year. The last time a city had two championship teams was in 1988 when the Lakers and the Dodgers won titles. For all the Pittsburgh fans, the Pirates and the Steelers did it in 1979.

Swim teams both capture win at Fairmont State

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's swimming teams have raised their records to 6-2 and 8-0, respectively. The Lady Titans are currently ranked #14 in NCAA Division II. Most recently, the teams competed at Fairmont State University on January 27, where the women won by a score of 110-70 and the men won 115-90.

The win at Fairmont State was highlighted by the record-setting swim of sophomore Stefanie King, who captured the 200 breaststroke in a time of 2:24.64, setting a school record and a Fairmont State pool record. She also became automatically eligible to compete at the NCAA Division II National Championships in March. Junior Jaime Sell and freshman Brittany Jardine each added a pair of individual wins for Westminster, with Sell capturing the 100 and 1000 freestyle events and Jardine winning both the 200 butterfly and 200 individual medley.

For the Titan men, sophomore Jim Mann led the way by capturing the 200 individual medley and swimming a leg on the victorious 400 freestyle relay team. Other Titan individual winners were junior Kurt Rotthoff in the 200 breaststroke and sophomore Seth Bontrager in the 200 butterfly.

On January 24, the teams were again triumphant in dual meets against Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) rival Bethany College at home. The Lady Titans swept every event in a 101-58 win. The Titan men were also victorious, recording a 92-71 win over the visiting Bison.

Leading the Lady Titans were Sell and Jardine. Sell won both the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle events in the win, while Jardine posted victories in the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle, while also swimming a leg on the Lady Titans' winning 200 medley relay team. Sophomore Amanda Zelechoski was also undefeated in three races for the women, capturing the 100 backstroke while swimming on both winning relay squads.

For the men, sophomores Richard King and Craig Guthoerl came away with two individual wins apiece. King captured both the 100 and 1000 freestyle events while also swimming a leg on the winning 200 freestyle relay team, while Guthoerl won both the 50 and 500 freestyle races. Mann added a win in the 100 butterfly while recording victories on teams in both relay events.

Currently, the men's and women's swimming teams have qualified eight swimmers to compete in the ECAC Swimming Championships to be held in Sewell, NJ on February 21-24.

Leading the way for the men is Mann, who qualified in three individual events: the 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke and the 200 backstroke. Rotthoff and junior Eric Mojock each qualified for one individual event; Rotthoff qualified in the 100 breaststroke and Mojock in the 100 backstroke.

Five Lady Titans will represent the women's team at ECAC's. Freshmen Jardine and Katie Alukonis have each qualified for four individual events. Jardine qualified in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 100 butterfly and the 200 butterfly. Alukonis has qualified in the 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 1000 freestyle and the 1650 freestyle.

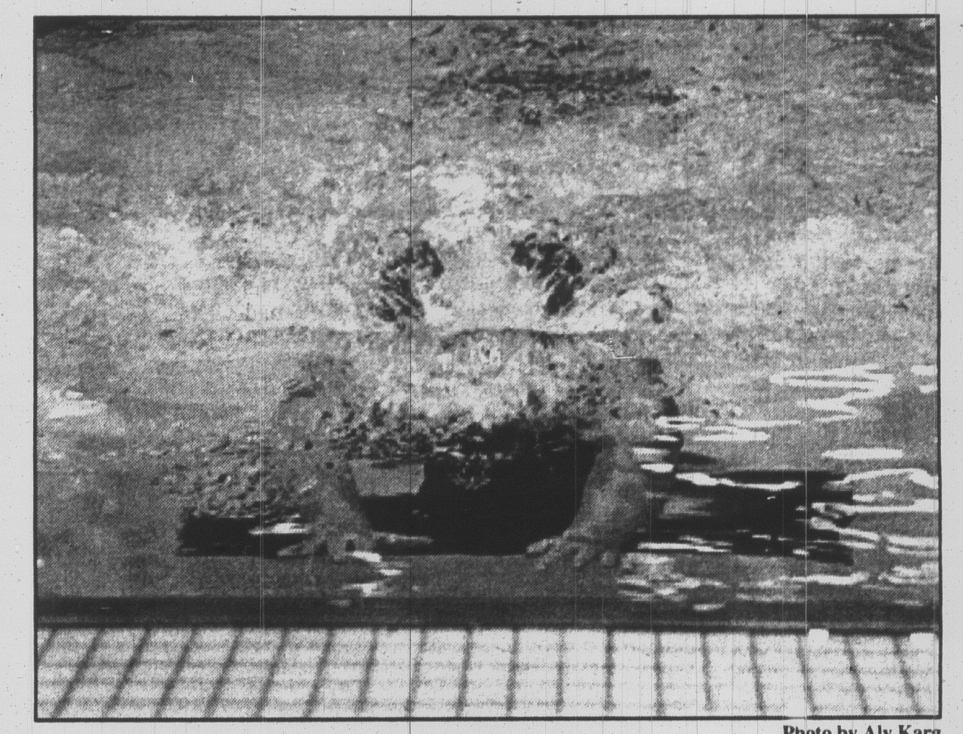

Photo by Aly Karg

A Titan swimmer reaches for a win.

Also qualifying for the women are King in the 100 breaststroke and the 200 breaststroke; junior Stephanie Dawson in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle, and senior Kelly Vernal in the 200 breaststroke.

Another honor was given to women's swimming standout Jaime Sell, as she was selected as Division II Women's Swimmer of the Week by the ECAC for the week ending January 22, 2001. Sell is the first student-athlete at Westminster to earn ECAC Athlete of the Week laurels in any sport.

Sell won all three of her events in a 127-78 win at Allegheny College on Saturday, January 20. She captured both the 200 freestyle (2:00.15) and 500 freestyle (5:22.23) and was part of the winning 400 medley relay team (3:46.51).

WELCOME TO KAPPA DELTA!!!

LOREN ALTENHOF
KELLY EDDY
HILLARY GUSTAFSON
SARAH MARTIN
LAUREN MERRYMAN
AMANDA RICCIADELLO
COURTNEY SASS
KERI CONGER
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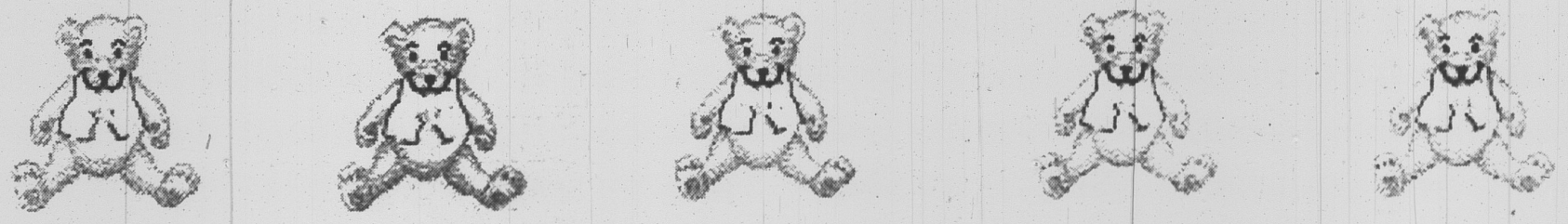


ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

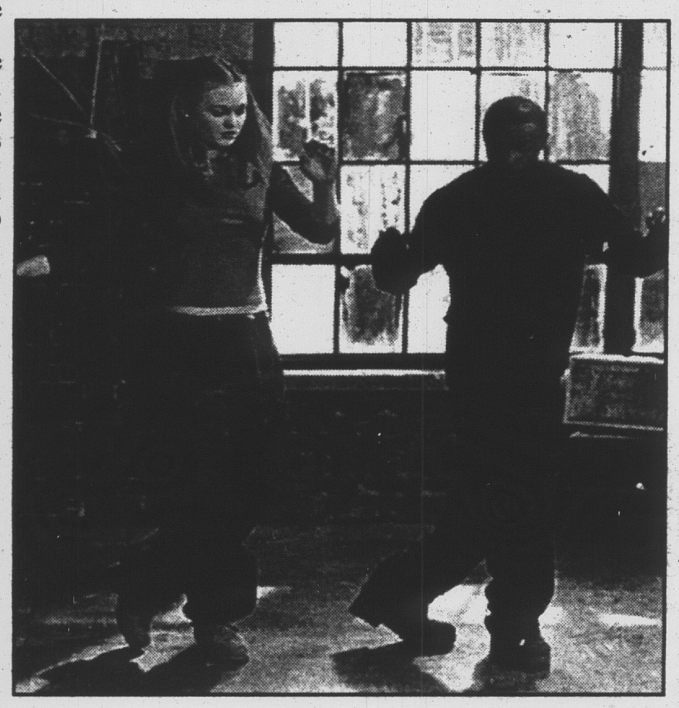
STAMPER & STALEY

Save the Last Dance Reviews

Beth Staley

Whoa-watch out Christina and Brittney-Julia Stiles can dance. Plus, she wears cloths, which makes her a much better role model than the other teen idols. But, don't worry guys; there's still some skin baring in *Save the Last Dance*. Thus, you guys have something to look forward to if your girlfriends are begging you to see this movie.

And why should you see it? Basically, this is a feel-good movie with many positive themes. Sean Patrick Thomas stars opposite Julia Stiles, and together, these intelligent high school students uphold love, honesty and compassion in an interracial relationship. Although they bear the brunt of cruel words, physical fights and public glares, these two individuals focus on their dreams.



Stiles plays Sara, who dreams of attending Juliard Dance School so that she can fulfill her calling to perform ballet. However, Sara gives up ballet and moves to the city to live with her father after her mother dies. Suddenly, she meets Derek (Thomas), who helps to rekindle her dancing dream.

Derek teaches Sarah hip-hop so she doesn't look stupid while dancing at the local dance club. As their friendship develops, Sara realizes Derek's struggle between his long-time thug friends and his own dream to overcome crime and attend college.

The support system Sara and Derek build allows them to seriously pursue their dreams amidst various obstacles. For example, Sara gets in a nasty fight with Derek's ex-girlfriend. A bit of advice: don't see this movie for the fight scenes. See it for the dancing.

Sadly, however, a lot of the dancing isn't much better than what most students see every weekend at the frat houses. Maybe that means WC students are just really great dancers- I don't know. Nonetheless, there is some memorable choreography in *Save the Last Dance*. Stiles juxtaposes ballet and hip-hop into a powerful routine for her Juliard audition.

If there's dance, then there's music. This soundtrack is definitely "slammin." Chenille (Kerry Washington) corrects Stiles's language a couple of times, and apparently, it's more chic to say "slammin" than "cool"-thought you should know. Although some of the songs are not cutting edge new, they'll get anyone moving.

In all honesty, the only thing not moving in this movie is Stiles's acting. She plays pathetic well, and although her character must act confused and emotionally unstable at key moments, Stiles maintains these two characteristics throughout the entire movie.

Save the Last Dance is entertaining, even delightful. However, it doesn't have to be seen on the big screen. You'd be fine to save your last dollar and see it at the dollar theater.

Joseph Stamper

In *Save the Last Dance*, a teenaged suburbanite named Sara (Julia Stiles), is plagued by guilt after her mother is killed while rushing to one of her ballet auditions. Sarah then vows never to dance again. Without her mother, she is forced to trade in the comforts of her life in Lemont, Illinois for the tough streets of Chi-town. Sara moves in with her formerly absentee jazz-musician father, who she refers to callously as Roy. As if the guilt wasn't enough to deal with, Sara must now try to fit in at her new primarily African-American school as one of only a handful of white faces.

In the mist of all the turmoil, Sara meets a mildly Afro-centric boy named Derek (Sean Patrick Thomas). Though initially turned off by his take on Literature, she ultimately falls for him. Sara and Derek's sister Chenille (Kerry Washington) quickly become friends as Chenille acclimates Sara to the Hip-Hop culture of inner city Chicago. Derek eventually gets Sara to dance again and adds a new flavor to her routine. Just as she starts to train for Julliard, Derek's sordid past and the pressures of an interracial relationship break up the couple and Sara's confidence.

Stamper's Four Corner Breakdown

Date Movie-8

This film definitely possesses that *Romeo and Juliet* theme where the good girl falls for the wrong guy, but in actuality they accentuate each other perfectly. The well-played interaction between the young couple ranges from unspoken crush to boot-knockin' makeup sex. Players Tip: being in a relationship that society disapproves of is a constant struggle, so before entering such a liaison, consider the long-term repercussions. When the credits roll, life rarely provides the happy endings of Hollywood.

Special FX-9

Choreographers Randy Duncan and Fatima are newcomers to big screen productions, but they are successful in constructing at times, visually stunning dance numbers. Director Thomas Carter does a particularly good job of capturing the feel of the dance club scene. For Carter, *Save the Last Dance* is a monumental step up from his last major work, *Don King: Only in America.*

Star Power-7

At a relatively tender age, Julia Stiles is the seasoned veteran of the cast. Though Stiles is a perfect cast visually, she tends to underplay the role at crucial emotional moments. Leading man Sean Patrick Thomas gives a good performance as the college bound street-smart Derek, and Vince Green shows tremendous comic potential as Derek's DJ friend, Snookie.

Plot-8

Yes it's true... somebody made a movie about teenagers that actually has a multi-dimensional and well thought out plot. The unsettling trend in Hollywood is for films about young people to concentrate strictly on teenage sexuality. While that is important, it's not the only problem young people face. This film is also successful in putting the shoe on the other foot. By definition as a minority, one is expected to adapt to the environment and values of White America. By bringing White America into the heart of an "Unseen America," this film drives home the point that amalgamation is not always painless and is sometimes impossible.

Overall- Definitely Worth $6.50

Go see this movie. Some of you could use a little flavor in your lives.

Student reviews local CD: A Toast to the Poptart Monkeys!

By Beth Staley
STAFF WRITER

Straight from Berwick come Poptart Monkeys-a band formed in 1998. They released their first CD *Dancing with My Lunatic* in October of 2000. This five-member band rocks with attitude and rolls with artistry on *Dancing With My Lunatic*.

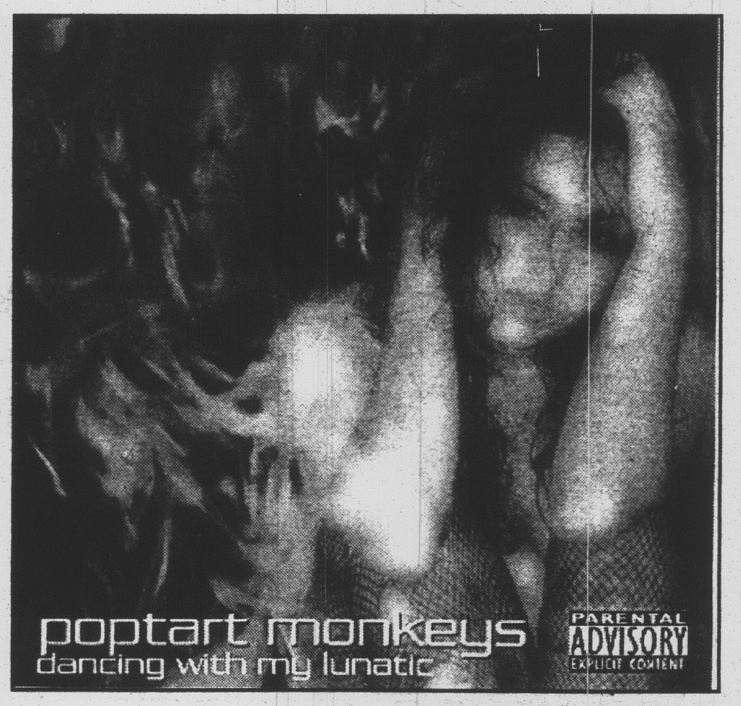
Poptart Monkeys satisfy the rock needs of listeners with the songs "Wrecking Ball" and "Act of Contrition," but add a progressive rock edge in "Choked" and "Pathetic." Here's the deal: you can't get bored listening to this band. Maybe you're feeling mellow, so you play "Paint My World," an acoustic ballad that will remind you of summer concerts and make you want to hold up your lighter for an encore. Personally, I like to forget caffeine and play "Dancefloor Collision" in the morning-it resembles hard rap/rock and shakes with energy.

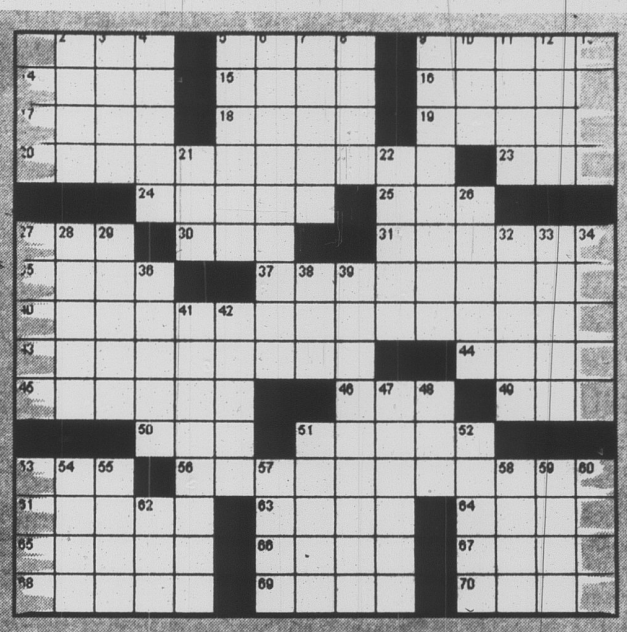
A favorite pick is also their cover of "Unbelievable!" It's unbelievable, and received great feedback on WWNW during the "Local Rock Mine" radio show. The word "unbelievable" basically sums up *Dancing With My Lunatic*- Poptart Monkeys live up to their reputation as PA's most controversial band!

Poptart Monkeys features guitarist/vocalist Bill Talanca, bassist/vocalist James Balogach, drummer Rob Hampton, guitarist/vocalist Chris Kurtz and vocalist Paul Reddon. One great strength of this band is the fact that they practically all sing; together the various voices keep each song fresh and interesting. Also, there is a lot of great musical interaction between the drums and guitars on this CD. These musicians showcase each other with unique riffs and innovative solos.

Their creative diversity is absolutely evident on *Dancing With My Lunatic*. Listening to a song is like riding a wave-there are obvious yet natural transitions from the take-off, climax, and ending of every song. Boring refrains and predictable verses have been banned from the world of Poptart Monkeys! Get yourself in on the versatility and natural energy of this band!

So, you want to listen to the Poptart Monkeys! Go to www.poptartmonkeys.com. If, for some strange reason, the network isn't working properly, call 1-866-PTMLINE for information. They frequently play at a variety of clubs in Altoona as well as Banana Joe's in Pittsburgh. Also, be sure to join WWNW radio during "Local Rock Mine" on Tuesday nights from 10:00 p.m. till midnight for a toast to Poptart Monkeys!





Across

1. "Burger _____"
5. Projectiles to be fired from a gun
9. Absence of war
14. Succulent plants having rosettes of leaves usually with hemp-like fiber
15. In the near future
16. Fast food restaurant that serves many types of roast beef sandwiches
17. A Russian river; flows north ward into the Arctic Ocean
18. Sir Gallahad the ____
19. The base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
20. Several exercises intended to be done in series (2 wds)
23. A branch of the Tai languages
24. Arranges or orders by classes or categories
25. Lower and raise the head
27. The local time at the 0 merid ian passing through Greenwich, England; it is the same every where
30. "Two _____s from the same pod"
31. A surgical instrument used to remove sections of bone from the skull
35. Drawn butter
37. The relation between causes and effects
40. Fast food restaurant specializ ing in seafood
43. Either of a pair of conjugating gametes of the same size and structure
44. (Greek mythology) goddess of discord
45. Calm
46. The smallest multiple that is exactly divisible by every mem ber of a set of numbers (acronym)
49. A health resort near a spring or at the seaside
50. Move fast by using one's feet
51. Men courting a girl or young woman
53. The compass point midway between south and southeast (acronym)
56. Appraisals
61. Thespian
63. Orient
64. Architypal boat builder
65. Having the qualities of cleanser
66. The person or thing rejected or set aside as inferior in quali ty
67. Scandanavian port city
68. Retrovirus causing T-cell leukemia (acronym)
69. Eye infection
70. Hunger, desire

Down

1. Coarse curly-leafed cabbage
2. A large genus of dicotyledo nous trees and shrubs of the family Aquifoliaceae that have small flowers and berries (including hollies)
3. Zero
4. A toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism in order to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion
5. Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal
6. An unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
7. (sociology) the conventions that embody the fundamental values of a group
8. Dollar bills
9. Relating to shepherds or herds men or devoted to raising sheep or cattle
10. The universal time coordinat ed when an event is received on Earth (acronym)
11. Lie adjacent to another
12. (classical architecture) a molding for a cornice; in profile it is partly concave and partly convex
13. Catch sight of
21. Policeman
22. The Uralic language spoken by the Yeniseian people
26. Cut into
27. Tangelos
28. Plural of that
29. A Spanish title of respect for a man; equivalent to English 'Mr'
32. A landing built out into the water
33. (nautical) of an anchor; just clear of the bottom
34. Tupelos: deciduous trees of moist habitats especially swamps and beside ponds
36. Someone who throws chick en ova
38. Residents of plastic farms in a kid's room
39. In a purposeless manner
41. First day of the year
42. A sign of something about to happen
47. Fortress
48. Secrecy
51. An outstanding example of its kind
52. Noble gas
53. Waistcloth
54. A native or inhabitant of Scotland
55. And others (abbr)
57. Smallest standard time units (abbr)
58. Olfactory organ
59. Narrative
60. Shoed
62. An oral vaccine (containing live but weakened poliovirus) that is given to provide immu nity to poliomyelitis (acronym)

HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Use any stress reduction techniques you can to help keep your cool. Take a break from what you've been doing. If others aren't prepared to give you what you deserve, reach out and take it for yourself.

TAURUS
Your careful research and caution make falling in love, dealing with others, or expressing a talent secure areas of your life. The desire to clarify all matters and be involved in high-minded projects is worth all your effort.

GEMINI
Your creative fire will blaze brightly. This is a time of breakthrough and personal triumph. Experience is the best teacher for you right now.

CANCER
This week's scenario is highlighted by your efforts to keep yourself grounded & realistic. Don't sell yourself short. You are in the company of people who think the world of you.

LEO
Just when you think you have the ability to control your own destiny, things will start to erode slightly. Prepare to deal with the consequences of getting involved in someone else's personal problems.

VIRGO
Don't be shy about expressing your opinions. There may be something you need to prove to yourself. Any work that you do now will be touched by your sincerity.

LIBRA
Nothing can stand between you and what you want. You have an exciting chance to express a more compassionate, caring and nurturing part of yourself. You words will be well heeded.

SCORPIO
Some situations in your personal life may be trying, to say the least. Try not to let them to make you feel down. Speak to someone impartial & get his or her perspective.

SAGITTARIUS
If you've recently been disappointed in romance or felt abandoned, you may act in a way that you'll regret later. Organizational discussions may not go well, either. You may be tempted to say some things you'll wish you hadn't.

CAPRICORN
You may need to curb some activities so you don't spread yourself too thin. Don't get lazy at the wrong moment. Set high goals and know that you'll hit the bull's-eye.

AQUARIUS
People at a distance may hurt your pride. Some may disapprove with your tactics, and will clearly let you know, how they feel. Don't try to take on everybody by yourself.

PISCES
Your ultimate stroke of charm is your ability to laugh at yourself. Just a few words from you can make all the difference to those you love. To stay in top form, pay attention to your diet and get plenty of exercise and rest. You'll need all your strength to handle what is to come.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"You know what bugs me? The TUB doors didn't get fixed over Christmas Break. We had five weeks off. How long does it take?"

"I think it's a shame about the vandalism that happened in the Art Gallery over the weekend. People on campus need to have more respect for the property of others. I hope the artist will forgive WC."

"I wish I could get something healthy in the TUB for lunch. If I could get a small side salad instead of french fries with my sandwich I would definitely feel like I was eating healthier."

"I wish I could use my TitanCard at stores in town."

"What happened to all the hot girls on campus?"

"I think the registrar is great."

"TCF looks absolutely fabulous."

"The computer is still too slow. The web pages don't come up fast enough."

"The chicken parmesan rules."

OUR VIEW: Individuality

When students chose to come to Westminster College, chances are they made the choice based on the type of academics that would best serve them. A few probably chose because of sports, because they liked the campus or it was close to home. But how many chose it because they planned on joining a sorority or fraternity?

The numbers may be surprising, but most likely this was not the decision maker for most people, so how is it that come Spring, freshman girls and boys are coaxed and pressured into the biggest popularity contest on the campus?

As the Greeks compete for new members, does anyone stop to consider how the pressure to go Greek affects freshman?

The number of Greeks vs. independents is staggering and intimidating. Once a freshman notices that more Westminster students are Greek than are not, the feeling that one will be left out if he or she doesn't pledge somewhere is enormous. Most freshmen, due to this feeling, inevitably pledge somewhere, thus continuing the cycle.

Then, once a member of a Greek organization, is someone instantly the life of every party? Is there constantly something new and fun and exciting to be done within the Greek system? The answer is, of course, no. Truth be told, the Greeks do basically all the same things the independents do, plus or minus a formal and mixer here and there.

The truth is, a sorority or fraternity may not improve your socialization skills, nor will it make you into an academic failure. An outgoing person who goes Greek will most likely remain outgoing. A studious person most likely will continue to be studious.

Valid reasons to go Greek may include getting involved in philanthropies, taking on new leadership roles and improving existing friendships. Plus, being bound to another stranger is a good reason to become his or her friend.

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Within the same lines, however, going Greek sometimes takes away the ability to choose one's friends. Once in the sorority you are expected to like or at least pretend to like everyone in it.

At Westminster, fortunately the lines aren't always so strictly drawn. So while the pressure to join an organization may be strong, the pressure to ditch the friends you made prior to joining a fraternal organization isn't.

On our campus one will find Phi Mus rooming with Sigma Kappa's or any other combination of the five sororities with independents mixed in.

On the hall in daily life the sororities seem to get along without too much trouble, but during last week's Formal Recruitment, the most important sorority week of the year, the rivalry is drawn out and the pressure is on. The tension between the sorities may even tower to levels that will turn pledges off instead of on to their sorority.

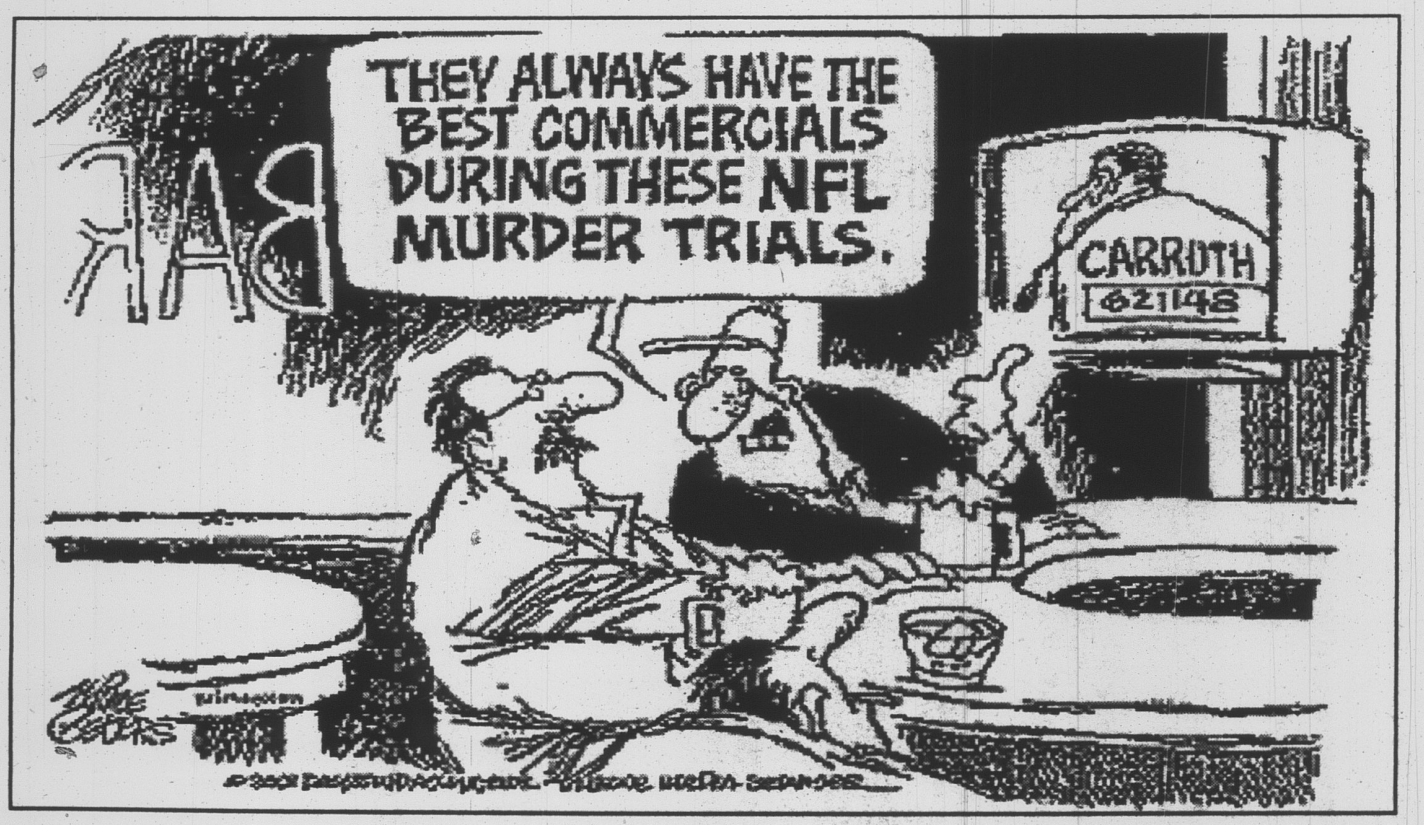
So, finally after all the new pledges are chosen and pick-up day is over what has really happened? Some girls will choose to join the sorority, some will decide it is not for them and others will be left thinking that they were not good enough to get in.

This fact does not mean anything of the sort. Each sorority can only pick up a certain number of pledges each spring with a certain grade point average. Just remember, a person is not made because of his or her fraternity/sorority. Independent life can be a blast and if the fraternity thing is what you really want to do, you can try again next year.

Going Greek is not necessary. It's something one should choose to do, without feeling pressured to do so. It can be a welcome addition to one's college career or one could just as easily do without it. Here at Westminster everyone may do well to remember that.

Don't let the pressure overwhelm the opportunity. You are who you are. Whether you join of not, that's the one thing that will not change.

Editorial Cartoon



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Did you try to check your Westminster mail via WebAccess over the break? If you did, 9 times out of 10 you saw one or several of the following: "Your post office is unavailable" (most popular), "Sever too busy", or the WebAccess links just didn't work at all. There were also other error messages, but unfortunately I'm limited to only 300 words. These are not the kind of messages you would expect from a school that claims itself to be one of America's "Most Wired Colleges." That's one person's opinion.

Honestly, I believe the students should demand an explanation for the pathetic performance of the network. Our network is outdated and by no means is it reliable or fast. I know that they are going to quadruple the speed, but that won't improve it's reliability.

I see our network as a 1975 Ford Pinto going about 35 mph down some road with all of us students along for the ride. Every so often (or at least every Friday about 5 o'clock) the old car requires maintenance, such as adding oil to make up for what it's burning, and fixing that door handle so you don't have to keep crawling in through the window. Now pretend that the driver is going to quadruple the speed. If you know anything about Pintos, you'll know that we are headed for certain death.

The network's age in computer years makes it eligible for Social Security. We are in need of a completely new network. Dumping money into the existing one makes no sense. Would you dump money into a 1975 Pinto? I would like to ask the administration to explain why our network is in such a state of disrepair and what is being done to correct the matter. Please respond.

Bill Jester

Dear Editor:
To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is concerning our student body's recent infatuation with "Napster." For anyone who doesn't know what Napster is, it is a piece of software that allows a user to download music and movie files from the internet. This letter is not addressing the legality of using Napster, it is simply to inform everyone just how much this little program is crushing our internet performance on campus. Two years ago when I was a freshman, the concept of an MP3 was just being "born," and not too many people paid much attention to it. When I logged into the network, then connected to the internet through Netscape, I was able to download webpages, pictures, applets, movies, etc at speeds of anywhere from 25 kilobytes (kb) a second up to 100 kb a second. For most of you, that doesn't mean anything at all, so let me give you a few comparisons. When you dialup from home with a 56k modem, you usually receive download speeds of up to 5kb a second, which is considerably slower than 25kb to 100kb a second. This year, the average download speed is between .5kb and 1.5kb a second on campus, which is TERRIBLE over a T1 line. And this isn't because our network is slow and outdated, it's because hundreds of students are constantly downloading mp3's from browsers such as Napster. The other night I was online and getting crappy download speeds as usual. All of a sudden, our college's internet connection died, and everyone's Napster crashed and burned. Five minutes later, we regained connectivity, and I was downloading at the speeds of the good ole' days. NAPSTER IS THE PROBLEM WITH OUR NETWORK. No matter how much you like to save money by downloading mp3 's, this fact still remains: Until Napster use is reduced by a considerable amount, everyone on campus, including those of you abusing Napster usage, will continue to suffer from poor download speeds and frustrating "lag" when using Netscape and Internet Explorer. I'm not criticizing anyone...just letting everyone know where the true problem lies.

Eric Harvey

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FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring Shay Alouise Stewart and Dr. Verena Botzenhart-Viehe

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Photo by Sara Bozich

Shay Alouise Stewart

Name: Shay Alouise Stewart
Hometown: Harmony "like in [the soap opera] Passions." PA
Nickname: "Shay-cat" or "Shay-bird." "It's always an animal, I don't know why."
Year at WC: Senior
Sign: Aries
Major: Elementary Education
Pet Peeve: "Mouth noises, like when people are chewing. Oh, and people touching my face. That's huge."
SB: What did you do over break?
Shay-cat: Worked at UPMC Presbyterian.
SB: What were your New Year's resolutions?
Shay-cat: (giggles)...How did me and Alyssa [Detore] put it...(laughs) We're not going to say mean things about people anymore...(laughs more).
SB: If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?
Shay-cat: I'd want to be a kitty so everyone thought I was cute... and everyone loves kittens.
SB: What was the last dream you had?
Shay-cat: I dreamed that someone cleaned our basement. I went down there and it was so nice...but I went down there for real and it was n't... at all.
SB: Today is Groundhog Day. What do you think Punxsutawney Phil will say?
Shay-cat: I'm going to be optimistic and say he's going to say we're going to have an early Spring.

Name: Verena Botzenhart-Viehe
Hometown: Poland, OH
Nickname: "I want people to call me Dr. VBV."
Year at WC: 10 1/2
Sign: Scorpio
Department: History
Pet Peeve: "The last person in a room should turn out the lights; should n't take up more than 1 parking space; and return your books."
SB: What did you do over break?
Dr. VBV: How raunchy shall I get?
SB: What were your New Year's resolutions?
Dr. VBV: To say civil things about "Dubya" (George W. Bush).
SB: If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?
Dr. VBV: I always wanted to be a jaguar because they are fast, beautiful, and mean.
SB: What was the last dream you had?
Dr. VBV: I had one the other day. It was about school and not returning assignments. I couldn't remember where I put the n. A typical absent-minded professor dream.
SB: Today is Groundhog Day. What do you think Punxsutawney Phil will say?
Dr. VBV: "God, is this slushy!"

Photo by Lani Nuss

Dr. Verena Botzenhart-Viehe

Amber.com: websites for Brkich appear

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Five days before the premiere of Survivor II: Australian Outback, I typed "Amber Brkich" into an AOL search engine. I found a variety of Amber fan clubs-before the show has even aired! The most helpful site was: http://www.sirlinksalot.net/amberbrkich.html. It includes links to Amber websites, including news articles, Survivor II websites, and the "personal" websites dedicated to Amber Brkich. It is the latter which I will overview.

The Webmaster of "3Big Shows Profile"(http://www.3bigshows.com/survivorii-amber.shtml), "Gwennie," says about Amber in Episode 1: "Amber tired rather easily in the trek to camp. However, she was shown several times working hard with Keith to attain a fire; so I'm sure that even if the physical attributes are lacking compared to other members of her tribe, her level of contributions in other areas might keep her in good stead for a while. She was a low-key personality; I think Amber is going to be around for a while! She's cute, too."

"Amber Brkich #1 Fan Site" (http://www.survivor-theaustralianoutback.com/amberfan/) This has the same basic bio as all the others. It has the most pictures, and is put together nicely.

"The Amber Brkich Fansite" (http://amberbrkich.50megs.com) offers words from Westminster's own Dr. Jim Perkins regarding Amber's surviving, as well as a Brkich-related word search game, links to other sites, message boards and the same drab profile that has circulated through nearly every medium.

"The Official Unofficial Amber Brkich Fan Site" (http://www.amber-brkich.com/) This is from your pals at ONTV Pittsburgh (www.ontv.com.) They offer "Water Cooler Talk from Two Guys Wearing Sweaters." Aesthetically pleasing, and includes a good luck page supporting Amber. Former WC President, Oscar Remick signed the page.

"The Unofficial Amber Brkich Website" (http://www.geocities.com/survivorcast/amber.htm) This site claims to have the results of who will be kicked off each week. In case anyone wants to wait it out, I won't post that information. The rest of you can log on and find out. This site is also pretty extensive in its Amber coverage-games, links, chat, message boards and claims to be updated daily. However, the "polls" links, by deadline on Jan. 30 still read "coming Jan. 24."

Most interesting is "The Westminster College's Amber Fan Club" (http://www.geocities.com/amberfans/), created by a current Westminster student and several alumni. (See opposite page for details).

And finally, "Survivorsucks.com" (www.survivorsucks.com) "A fan site for those who love to hate Survivor on CBS..." It seems to take forever to load, but is full of random tidbits that aren't overly praising of this "reality" show and others like it.

Creators of Amber Fan Club hope to have top Amber website

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

"The Westminster College's Amber Fan Club" (http://www.geocities.com/amberfans/) This site boasts: "It is hard to beli[e]ve that 3 guys from WC and a dream could lead to the 5th most visited survivor site on the Web. Welcome[.] [T]his site is set up to pay tribute to one of Westminster's own, Amber Brkich. She will be buying us a new Tub next year... Please email us with feedback. Why should you come back? Simple, we know more about her then any other site out there, we went to college with her..." In addition, regarding their "exclusive" photos, they write, "These Westminster Originals could only come from friends of Amber And if you see them anywhere else then they got them from here. Don't be fooled, we are the Headquarters for all Amber Brkich news." This site also gives mention to Amber's brother and sister who are alumni of WC as well, in addition to links to the AGD homepage, predictions, and more.

I hate to pick, but I noticed several flaws. #1: My greatest pet peeve about websites besides slow loading time is typos, as noted above. #2: Our school yearbook is the Argo, not the Echo, as the site had it mentioned before I informed them of their mistake. #3: As those photos ARE from the yearbook they are not exclusive, nor necessarily from friends of Amber's. Yearbooks are held in the library and are therefore available for public use.

Besides those small things, the website looks good. The Phatman's Review was humorous and interesting. Who is that Phat Man? One of the website's creators, Senior Eric Bass, answered that question and also answered why he and his friends began this site:

"The site was started by myself along with about 8-12 alumni from WC. The "Phat Man" is Mark Natemeier, class of 1998, who is making most of the updates to the page now, as I am busy with student teaching. The other main contributor is Mike Shanafelt, AKA Jerky, who is also from the class of 1998. We started the site more or less as a joke. We found out Amber was on Survivor over winter break, I was working for the computer center and Jerky and Phat Man both work where computers are readily available, so we had a lot of time available on computers. We saw a lot of other Amber sites and just decided it would be fun to make our own since we were from WC, had met her, and knew a lot of her friends. It started out small; we put links on other Survivor sites and started getting excited because we were getting a lot of hits. Then Jerky registered us with Yahoo and we started getting huge amounts of traffic. At one point Entertainment Weekly talked to me and did an interview, which will be in their Feb 4 edition. After that, Phat Man took control of the site to make the product it is today."

The site began on Jan. 17, 2001, and according to site manager, alumnus Mark Natemeier, it claims several accomplishments:

1. The site has had over 7,600 hits to date.
2. It has had three major revisions, and is now very user-friendly.
3. It hit it big on Super Bowl Sunday-over 2,700 hits.
4. It was mentioned on Channel 27 Youngstown (CBS affiliate) as the place to be for Amber news.
5. The site creators were contacted earlier this week by Q102 out of Cincinnati, OH, from the Q Morning Thing Show, for an interview regarding the site.
6. It is currently #5 on the "Top 50" Survivor site.
7. It is currently #6 on the "Top 100" Survivor site.

Overall, while it does have a few bugs, it is updated daily. It could prove most interesting for WC students who knew Amber or want to learn more about her. This site "...wants to be THE Amber Provider" and may succeed.

from SURVIVOR page one

gave 100 percent to the Fresh Start staff."

Brkich also had close relationships with her professors. Dr. Jim Perkins, of the English/PR department, commented on her survival skills on a web page dedicated to Brkich, and Brkich regularly babysat for Dr. and Mrs. Swerdlow, two of Westminster's prominent instructors.

Considering the screen time that Brkich accumulated prior to Survivor's airing, it seems evident that the producers feel she is going to be one of the key people to sell this show. With that in mind, it is logical to assume that IF the producers have anything at all to do with the outcome of the show (which they claim not to), Brkich is not likely to be kicked off the show prematurely. This brings to question how real this show truly is. Rumor has it, Brkich lost 20 pounds by the time she returned home, but when she was in Ecuador last year, she wouldn't eat the food-and that's real food. How was she going to eat cow brains or whatever it is that the producers forced them to eat?

Davis responded to this query, "I totally agree. I cannot picture Amber eating that type of food, but then again that's the whole name of the game, so she just might surprise us and suck it up and eat the food."

Survivor II: Australian Outback airs Thursdays at 8 p.m. on CBS.

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PCMEA VARIETY SHOW is scheduled Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. This show features comedians, music and acting sponsored by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association. For more information, contact Amber Cole at EXT. 6596.

TUESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP Feb. 6 at 7 a.m. in Lindley Dining Hall will be led this week by Tim Sherwood.

CAMPUS BLOOD DRIVE on Tuesday, Feb. 6 from noon to 6 p.m. in the TUB Lounge. Existing blood supplies are dangerously low in many areas and the need for particular blood types is especially critical. Please donate to help reach the goal of 100 pints. Reserve a quarter-hour time between noon and 6 p.m. by e-mailing Beth Brooks in the Student Affairs Office; include your phone extension and blood type. Call the Student Affairs Office, EXT. 7111, if you have questions concerning eligibility.

CAMPUS CLUB VALENTINE LUNCHEON reservations due Tuesday, Feb. 6 to Anita Deegan, campus box 19, with a check for $11 made to "Campus Club." The luncheon is Tuesday, Feb. 13 in Russell Dining Room at noon, and the featured speaker is children's author, Evelyn Minchell.

THE FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL premiers with Stalingrad Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Down Under. This film is about the battle which was the turning point in the defeat of Germany in WWII. With orders from Hitler not to surrender or retreat, over 2 million Russians and Germans lose their lives in this epic battle. This dramatic film is in German with English subtitles. As always, free popcorn and soft drinks will be served before the movie.

FACULTY FORUM for Thursday, Feb. 7, at 11:30 a.m. at Patterson 131 will feature John Robertson on "Environmental History: A Salmon's Eye View."

PENNSYLVANIA SALES TAX HOLIDAY on Personal Computers is scheduled Feb. 18-25. Under provisions of Act 23 of 2000, the sale of personal computers and connected equipment sold to individuals (not a business) will be exempt from state and local sales and use tax for this period in Pennsylvania. For more information, call toll free at 1-888-PATAXES (728-2937) or (717) 787-1064 during normal business hours.

THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE suggests you click here for an interesting article on college financial aid: <http://www.pheaa.org/releases/01r1.shtml>.

RESUME WORKSHOPS are scheduled Thursday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 4 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m.. All workshops are located in TUB A/B.

WANTED

RESPONSIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT needed to pick up 6-year-old boy from school and stay with him until 5 p.m. one or two times per week. For more information, contact Christen at (724) 533 4206.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 2
GROUNDHOG DAY
Last Day to Add a Class ($15 fee)
11:40 am Chapel
8:00 pm PMEA Variety Show — Orr Auditorium

SATURDAY 3
1:00 pm Swimming vs. Ashland (H)
1:00 pm Women's Basketball @ Thiel
3:00 pm Men's Basketball @ Thiel
3:00 pm Student Chamber Recital: Stanley Rothrock, piano - Orr Auditorium
7:00 pm Mass - Chapel

SUNDAY 4
6:00 pm Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 pm Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 pm IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 pm Vespers - Chapel
9:00 pm Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 5
11:40 am Chapel
5:30 pm Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
6:00 pm Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 pm Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 pm Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
7:00 pm Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
7:00 pm Women's Basketball vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)
8:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230

TUESDAY 6
Noon to 6:00 pm American Red Cross Blood Drive - TUB Lounge
Lunch and Dinnertime Newman Club Carnation Sale - Duff Dining Room
5:00 pm SAA Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 pm Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel
7:00 pm Orchestra Rehearsal — Orr Auditorium
8:00 pm Bleasby Colloquium - TUB Lounge
8:00 pm Foreign Film Festival - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 7
Lunch and Dinnertime Newman Club Carnation Sale - Duff Dining Room
11:30 am Faculty Forum - TUB A/B
6:00 pm Women's Basketball vs. Bethany (H)
6:30 pm Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
7:00 pm SGA Meeting - TUB A/B
7:30 pm Guest Vocalist: David Malis — Chapel
8:00 pm CPC Meeting - TUB A/B
8:00 pm Men's Basketball vs. Bethany (H)
8:00 pm Student Pre-Law Association Meeting - Location TBA
8:30 pm SAVE Meeting - CFH 111
9:30 pm Seekers - Down Under

THURSDAY 8
Lunch and Dinnertime Newman Club Carnation Sale - Duff Dining Room
11:00 am Support Staff Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 pm Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
6:00 pm Resident Assistants Continuous Training Meeting - Hillside Lobby
6:30 pm Westminster Fund Phonathon Training - Thompson House
6:30 - 8:00 pm Career Center Resume Workshop — TUB A/B

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Krislund Camp
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American Red Cross
Faith, Hope and Charity
Women's Shelter/Rape Crisis

New Wilmington Senior Center
Rotaract
Cray Youth and Family Services
Carnegie Science Center
Hosanna Industries
Pine Valley Camp
Special Olympics
Communities that Care
Association for the Blind
Girl Scouts (NW)
Overlook Nursing Home
Big Brother and Big Sisters
Young Life
Rhema Christian Academy

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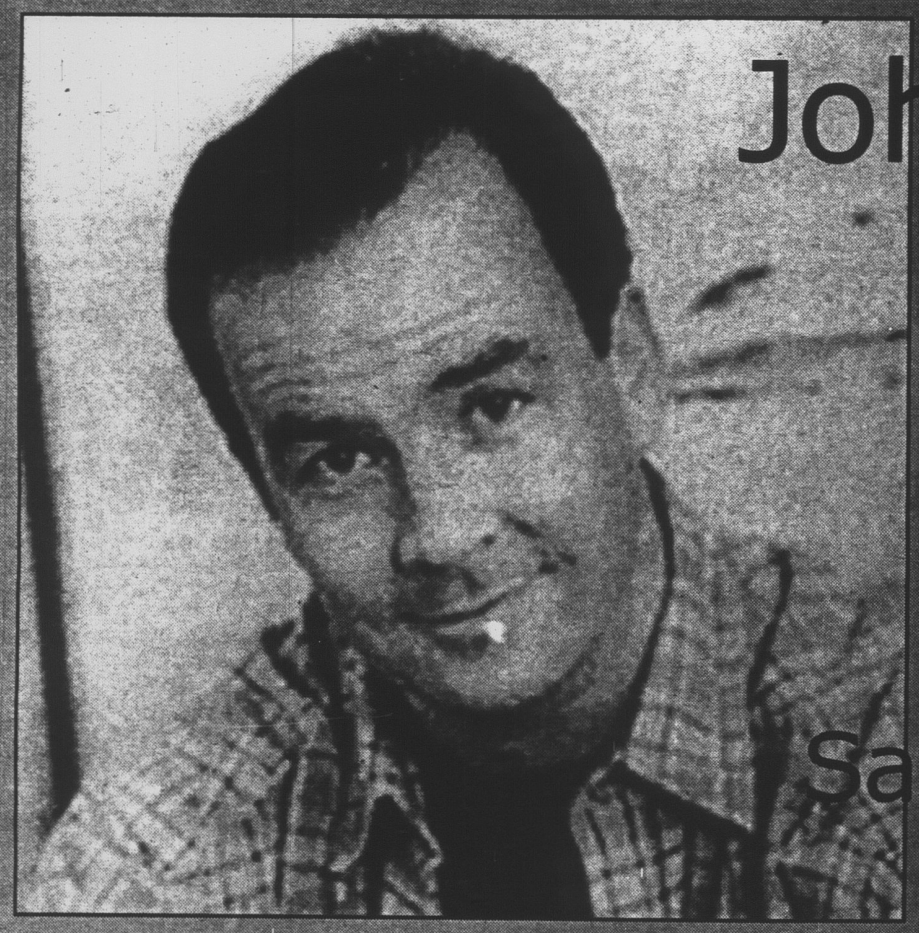

John Bizarre

If you have ever seen any of John Bizarre's many television appearances (A&E, MTV, Showtime and Fox), you know that he jumps right off the screen. His wildly animated face and rapid-fire delivery have made him a comedy club favorite and landed him scores of T.V. commercials. On stage, his "bizarre" slant on life and a cappella guitar performance always rocks the house. He has appeared three times on "The Tonight Show," and a tour throughout Europe proved successful in increasing his popularity to an ever-widening audience. Now living in hollywood, pursuing more and more television and feature film work, John Bizarre never forgets his first love...live performance. Since 1988 John has showcased for the East Coast, New England, Great Lakes, Far West and Pacific Northwest NACA regions as well as the 1998 NACA National Convention in Indianapolis.

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PCMEA showcases student talent

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Junior Craig Gottschalk performs.

By John Hanlon
STAFF WRITER

The Pennsylvania Collegiate Music Educators Association (PCMEA) hosted its fourth annual Variety and Talent show Feb. 2, where 13 gifted acts dazzled more than 100 people in Orr Auditorium.

This show, which is the PCMEA's main fundraiser, facilitates the association's trips to conventions and workshops throughout the year.

The evening was filled with the hilarious antics of emcees Ryan Saeler and Ben Tate, whose "talents" ranged from singing, a reading of Moby Dick, poetry, palm reading and gymnastics to impressions, card tricks, juggling, "swamp river band" music and interpretive dance.

Freshman Craig Carlin got a good laugh from the bumbling duo. "Their talents were so bad, they were funny. They are a great team that works well together," Carlin said. "The dance was the best part."

The show did offer some real talent, which started out with the animated barbershop quartet of sophomores Brian Barrett, Jeff Lagios and Chris Nave and freshman Ben Abel.

Lagios, the lead of the quartet, wished to express his gratitude to the PCMEA. "I really want to thank Amber Cole, DJ, (Zaccari) and Missy Fye," he said. "They all did a great job putting this together. It is a great opportunity for people to show off their talents."

Freshman Diane Farry enjoyed classmates Nathan Zuzack and Tiffanie Scilla's rendition of "More Than Words" by Extreme the best. "It sounded so much like the real version," she said. "It was excellent."

Junior Andrea Barilla powerfully sang "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" from Evita. Senior Avis Devine accompanied classmate Matt Newman on piano for "Lost in the Wilderness" from Children of Eden. Freshman Rob Chandler kicked his way through his martial arts demonstration entitled "War." Sophomore Keri Conger sang as classmate Donna Macurdy played the piano for "Can't Help Lovin' That Man" from Show Boat. Junior Craig Gottschalk played a song from the modern band Jars of Clay right before the intermission.

Sophomores Geoff Balla and James Baron along with Wilmington Area High School student Justin Bryan began the second half of the show with

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Campus represented at band convention

By Randy Leasure
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 20-24, Westminster will be represented by three of its top collegiate musicians in the National Intercollegiate Honors Band.

Senior Rebecca Hall-Baldwin, clarinet, and juniors Allyson Parks, french horn, and Dan DiDesiderio, tuba, have been selected for the band. They will perform as a part of the Collegiate Band Directors National Association Convention in Denton, TX.

This band is comprised of 120 of the finest collegiate musicians from across the country, and will be hosted by the University of North Texas.

"To have students from Westminster, a small Liberal Arts college, performing with students from the nations biggest universities and conservatories is truly something to be proud of," R. Tad Greig, Director of Instrumental Activities said. Greig will accompany the students to the convention.

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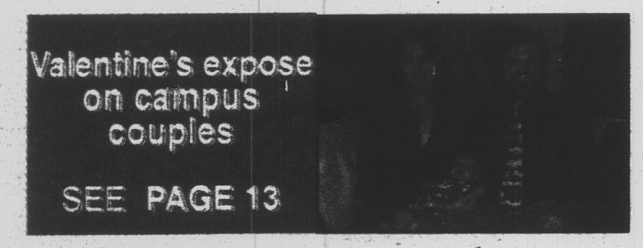
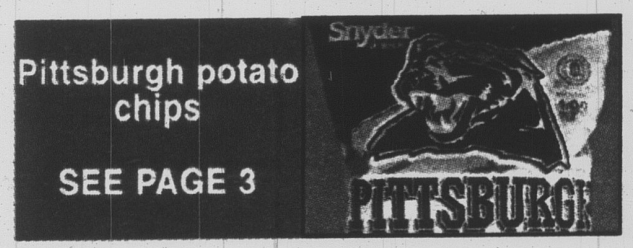
Photo by Aly Karg

Dan DiDesidario, Allyson Parks and Rebecca Hall-Baldwin.





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CAMPUS NEWS

TCF newly renovated and updated

By Justin DeCapua
STAFF WRITER

The newly renovated Thompson-Clark-Freeman (TCF) Building opened its doors at the launch of the spring semester in order to accommodate faculty and students of the communication sciences.

TCF underwent a total gutting and refurbishing; the 109-year-old building needed new architectural features to meet current structural safety codes. In addition to structural updates, TCF has been outfitted with modern educational technologies.

"The grand old lady of Westminster got a well deserved face-lift," said WC project manager Larry Ratvasky. "This building has a lot of tradition, everyone will benefit from the state-of-the-art features that were added, on the other hand, we thought it was important to preserve the original architecture."

TCF now contains 35 offices, three smart classrooms, three seminar rooms, a graphics lab, and learning center. In an effort to make the TCF as user-friendly as possible, an elevator was installed to make the entire building handicapped accessible.

"The first thing I noticed when I walked in the entrance was the blend of old and new throughout the building," said junior Chuck Correl. "It's kind of cool to see digital clocks hanging over furniture that looks like it was brought straight from the '20s."

All the clocks in the TCF display time, temperature, and receive a direct radio signal from the atomic clock in Colorado.

"There's a lot of new stuff in the TCF but one thing people don't realize when they are in the building is that most of the furniture and wall ascents are over 100 years old," Ratvasky said. "This renovation is a huge step forward for Westminster College as far as keeping up with the technology movement, yet we still manage to preserve the very characteristics that make us unique."

Lately, faculty members have been busy making transitions from their previous locations to their new offices in TCF.

"I am thrilled to have an office in this building," said Spanish professor Milagros Swerdlow. "The building is so nicely painted and furnished, this is now the preferred place to be located on campus."

The college has taken great measures to protect the new investment. A fully automated fire defense system guards the building with sirens, strobe lights, and high-pressure sprinklers.

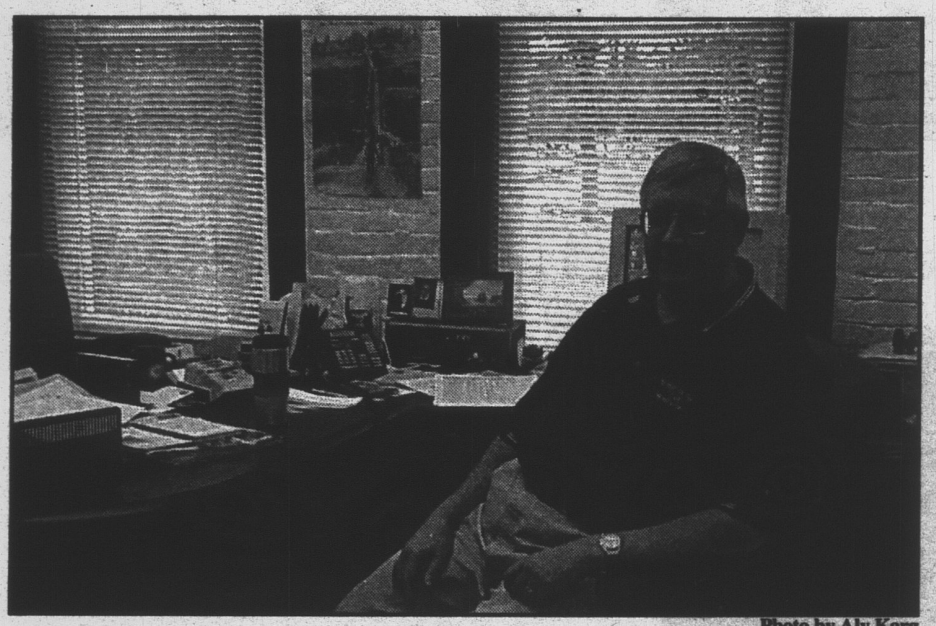

Photo by Aly Karg

Dr. Barner sits in his office in the new TCF.

Mardi Gras invites town for festivities

By James Baron
STAFF WRITER

Mardi Gras will return to Westminster once again Feb. 16. With fireworks, two bands and an array of booths, the festival will once again promise to have something for everyone.

The all-ages festival, which is free to students, will start at 6 pm. There is a $15 charge for non-students. At 7 there will be a fireworks show provided by Fireart. The Clarks are scheduled to play at 8 with Grapevine opening.

Many booths will be set up by the campus' different organizations on campus. Among the different activities at the stands will be face painting, caricature drawing, twister, ping-pong ball toss and palm reading.

There have been many measures taken to make sure that this event is worth attending. Junior Eric Harvey has mixed emotions about the festival.

"Westminster does a fairly good job of trying to encapsulate the realities of the true Mardi Gras," said Harvey. "But it is missing a few key components that would not be accepted on our somewhat conservative campus."

Reigning as king and queen of Mardi Gras this year will be SAA members sophomore Brian Barrett and senior Amy Young. Their 3duties for the night will be to pass out beads to lucky participants and to judge masks.

Mardi Gras publicity chair sophomore Courtney Henry has high expectations for this year's festival.

"We will have a very wide variety of entertainment once again this year," Henry said. "You can expect to find everything from last year plus more. The different organizations have done a very good job at corning together and making. this event something of worth."

Valentino raises money for Habitat

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, Valentino is sure to be near. Most people don't realize that this game and dance-filled night of fun also serves a greater purpose than entertainment; it is a great fundraising event for Habitat for Humanity.

The entire $5 admission cost for the dance is donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Valentino will be held from 8-10:30 pm on Feb. 10 in the Down Under.

"This way students can still go out to other parties after the dance is over," said senior Katie Brentzel, Chapel Staff member.

Upon arriving at the Down Under, students will be given poker chips. These chips are used for casino games such as blackjack, which will be played for the first hour of the dance. The top two winners at the end of this hour will be awarded prizes.

After the games are over, the dancing and eating begins. The ticket cost covers food as well.

"Parents of students usually make a lot of the desserts, so they are usually pretty good," Brentzel said.

Valentino was once called the Christino and held before Christmas, and now is a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day.

"This is a good way to celebrate Valentine's Day for a lot of independents, since they don't have date parties to go to like many of the Greek organizations do," Brentzel said.

All students are encouraged to attend and should be aware that even though the Chapel Staff holds the dance, there is no religious affiliation.

"With only a $5 ticket price, this is a cheap way to celebrate Valentine's Day for everyone," Brentzel said.

Tickets for the dance can be purchased in Galbreath Hall Feb. 8 or from the Chapel Office.

The dress for the dance is semi-formal and there is no need to bring a date. Students can contact the Chapel Staff with any questions about Valentino.

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Westminster will have the distinction of being the only school in the country to have more than two students in attendance.

"I'm honored to represent Westminster as a musician in this ensemble. I am thankful for my music instruction here, which provided the necessary tools for me to reach such a high honor," DiDesiderio said.

Being selected to perform in an honors band is a task at which few musicians ever succeed.

"It takes a lot of hard work, but I think all musicians should want to be in an ensemble like this. I feel blessed for being chosen to represent Westminster," Hall-Baldwin said.

Nearly 1,000 students were considered for this selection, and to be chosen to fill one of only 120 seats is quite an accomplishment.

"It will be a great experience to perform with such a talented group of musicians," Parks said. "I'm really excited to have this opportunity."

The band will perform under the direction of Professor Alan McMurry, the esteemed director of bands at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

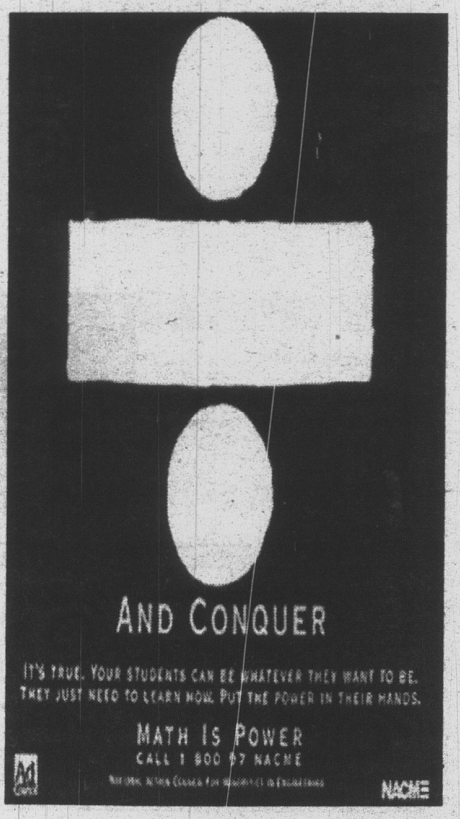
The students will have the opportunity to perform a Premiere composition, and will act as the ensemble for the "Chosen Gems" performance.

"The 'Chosen Gems' performance is where selected conductors present new and innovative works for their colleagues," Greig said.

The musicians will have only two days of rehearsal to prepare for the prime time performance on Saturday, which will be attended by the finest band directors in the nation.

Parks, DiDesiderio, and Hall-Baldwin are members of Westminster's Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and the student Brass and Woodwind Quintets.

All three students have also been selected to attend the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Honors Band on March 9-11 at Bucknell University. This band is chosen from all colleges and universities across the state.



AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Pittsburgh Panthers market own brand of potato chips

By Bill Schackner
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

Those who think they've seen every conceivable form of college sports merchandising now have something new to chew on: Officially licensed Pittsburgh Panthers Potato Chips.

The University of Pittsburgh has secured a deal with a Somerset County food company, Snyder of Berlin, to market a bag of chips bearing the Panthers logo in area stores.

Shoppers can choose from two varieties of Panthers chips - hearty ripple in a 9.5-ounce bag or single-serve original chips in a 1.75-ounce bag.

This is believed to be Pitt's first foray into athletic licensing of food, university spokesman Ken Service said yesterday. The school hopes the deal will be a moneymaker for Pitt, but Service and campus licensing officials declined to say how much.

"The details are proprietary, so they don't want to talk about specifics of the contract," Service said. "The money that does come to the university gets split among the athletic department, the alumni association and the student activities, so it does benefit the university."

A campus mailing to some 9,000 faculty and staff included a 20-cent discount coupon. It urged them to show their support and "pick up a bag of these great-tasting chips" that are "made from the highest-quality ingredients."

The back of each blue-and-gold bag says every purchase benefits the school.

As with any officially licensed product, each potato chip bag also contains a reminder to Pitt supporters not to be fooled by cheap imitators: "Buying officially licensed products is also your guarantee that you are getting quality products that meet or exceed the university's strict standards."

Nowadays, big-time college sports programs offer a buffet of licensed products from mugs and sweatshirts, to wristwatches and even caskets that bear the school's seal.

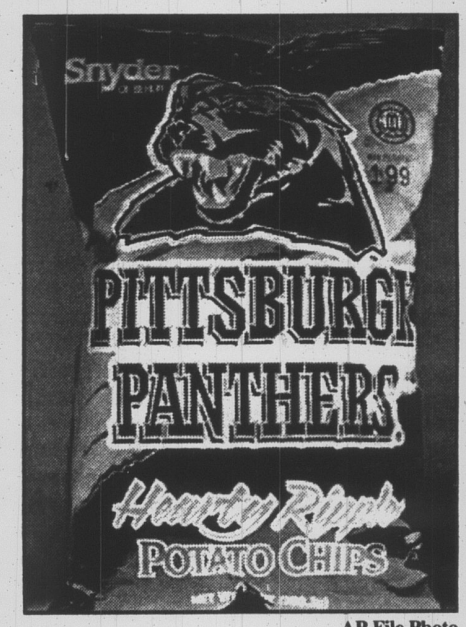
Pitt is no stranger to merchandising, and Service said a bag of chips is one more way to garner recognition for its Big East athletic teams.

"I think there is growing excitement and fan support for the athletic program in general," Service said. "I think that is probably one of the reasons why this product can be successful now."

As he sold Pitt memorabilia at the corner of Forbes Avenue and Bigelow Boulevard yesterday, Joe Ehman, 22, a Pitt graduate from Shadyside, said he wasn't fazed by the university-sanctioned chips. Other schools have had their own official foods, from marshmallows to pretzels.

"It's nice to see we finally have a potato chip," Ehman said. "For a while it will work, but I don't think people will buy them for five years just because they're Panthers chips."

The chips are being sold at a number of locations, including Giant Eagle, Foodland, Wal-Mart, Uni-Mart, 7-Eleven, CoGos, and Shop 'n Save, as well as campus locations.



AP File Photo
Panther chips boast hearty ripples.

U of Pittsburgh alumni donates $650,000 for adult education

By Bill Zlatos
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

As a linebacker at the University of Virginia, Jim McCarl devoted himself more to tackling opposing running backs than to tackling his studies.

He flunked out. Embarrassed and preparing to get married, McCarl enrolled in the College of General Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. He graduated with high honors in 1973 and now runs his own plumbing and heating company in Beaver Falls.

In gratitude, McCarl has donated $650,000, the largest gift in the college's history, so that it can better help students like him. Meanwhile, the college is expanding its mission to help adults with degrees get further training.

"We felt this was something that could really make a difference," McCarl said.

The college, the second largest undergraduate school in Oakland, serves 2,500 nontraditional students in classes for credit. These are students beyond the usual college ages of 18 to 23.

The college serves students seeking degrees and those honing computer skills or just learning for fun.

The gift will create the McCarl Center for Nontraditional Student Success on the fourth floor of the Cathedral of Learning. Susan Kinsey, dean of the college, calls the donation "groundbreaking" for two reasons:

It marks the college's first organized fund raising. In the past, the school did not do a good job of keeping in touch with alumni, Kinsey said. But with McCarl's gift, the college has raised more than $1 million.

The project will provide one-stop shopping for financial aid, career counseling, internships, mentoring, a computer station, student lounge and space for workshops.

The workshops will give adults long out of school tips for succeeding in college

and balancing the demands of family and work with education.

Community groups, such as the Urban League of Pittsburgh and Bidwell Training Center, also will have space for meeting with students.

The project will spruce up an area of bare beams and ceilings. Bags of shredded paper now lie on the floor. Computers, office supplies and student records crowd shelves once used by the library.

The renovation also will open up sweeping views of Heinz Chapel.

"It's way past time that the space that goes up there gets utilized," said April Hoak, president of student government for the college. "It'll get remodeled in a way that helps students."

Construction will start this spring and be completed in six to eight months.

The college is gearing up for its expanded mission, doing research to determine what kind of education workers need for their jobs and how the college might meet those needs.

"It helps the region develop its work force," said Pitt Provost James V. Maher Jr. "And it gives us a chance to show off to our neighbors what a good university we are."

But the college will continue its longtime mission as the school of second chances.

The college gave a second chance not only to McCarl but also to his son.

Foster McCarl, now 26, enrolled at Syracuse University in 1992 and majored in marketing. Accounting and statistics, however, did a number on him.

He transferred to the College of General Studies at Pitt, majored in communications and graduated with honors in 1998. He works as a consultant and Web site developer in Los Angeles and plans to start his own dot-com business geared toward musicians.

Foster McCarl said he cried when his father told him about his gift.

"When I look at him and how much he has given," he said, "it struck a chord with me, because Pitt saved my education and gave me the opportunity to be the man I am."

Mildred Markowitz, 66, of Squirrel Hill, has been taking classes in the school's College Over 60 program with her childhood chum, Patricia Feldman.

They have been studying at the college every term for seven years. The pair attended school together from kindergarten through college and even roomed together at Penn State University.

They have delved into subjects as diverse as Spanish, the Bible as literature and women's studies. Now they're studying poetry.

"You have to have curiosity, an inquisitiveness, and eagerness to learn things you never had a chance to learn before," Markowitz said.

Stacy Toliver, 40, of Point Breeze, works at the college and also takes classes there. She had shunned college after graduating from Peabody High School in 1978.

"I thought I wasn't college material," she said.

Now she is studying to be a preschool teacher.

"My job is to give the student the reassurance - if I can do it, you can do it. We'll do it together."

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proud of the band afterwards.

"They did a great job," he said. "All the guys were super nervous, but they played well. They practiced all week at the Phi Tau house."

In their PJ's, Macurdy and sophomore Heather Burns performed "I Could Have Danced All Night" from My Fair Lady. Senior Joseph Stamper recited two original poems, "Junk Joy" and "Natty Princess."

Junior Beth Staley then performed her song "Weatherman."

Sophomore Clark Stephenson stunned the crowd playing Franz List's "Hungarian Rhapsody VI." The audience's ovation was thunderous over his fast-fingered playing.

President of the PCMEA, senior DJ Zaccari finished the night off with one of his songs, "Secret Crush." Mike Taylor, Dan DiDesderio, senior Jessica Beblo and freshman Ian Brown rounded out the band that helped play the tune that senior Rachel Helgeson liked the best.

"They sounded great and were awesome, and their work was original," Helgeson said.

Freshman Katie Guelich respects the gifted performers.

"It is very interesting and amazing that these people use their free time to show and share their talents," Guelich said.

Ben Tate, who had a great time making a complete fool of himself, wished this kind of event would happen more often.

"Honestly, I think people should get out and do more of this kind of thing on their own. This place would be a lot more fun if bands were playing all the time," he said, "and if people in general just had a good time with stuff they're good at."

NATIONAL

Deaf student found stabbed to death in dormitory

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A 19-year-old male student found murdered early Saturday at the nation's only college for the deaf, Gallaudet University, suffered multiple stab wounds to his head and body, Washington police said Sunday.

While the city's official medical examiner report had not yet been released, Washington police spokesman Sgt. Joe Gentile confirmed that the death of Benjamin Varner, of San Antonio, Texas, was being investigated as a homicide.

The medical examiner's report was due out later on Sunday.

Police and university officials were still scrambling to piece together more details about the death of Varner, who was characterized as a well-liked, quiet and serious student.

Varner's murder was the second at the university since last September, when Gallaudet freshman Eric Plunkett, a 19-year-old from Burnsville, Minnesota, who had cerebral palsy, was found beaten to death in his room in the same dormitory.

In that case police initially arrested Plunkett's roommate, but charges were never pressed.

At a press conference on Sunday, Washington police chief, Charles Ramsey, said he would not comment on any possible links between the two murders, calling such a conclusion premature. But he did not rule out the possibility of a link.

"I'm not going to make any comments relative to the Plunkett homicide," Ramsey said at a press conference. "Obviously we are looking at it, but there are still a lot of people that we need to speak with."

Police have conducted 100 interviews over Varner's murder and plan many more, but officials cited delays from translation needs and communication difficulties with hearing-impaired students.

Investigators were still combing the campus and Cogswell Hall dormitory for evidence, including the murder weapon, and were uncertain when the dormitory would be reopened.

"We are looking for a cutting instrument," Gentile said, adding that the FBI was brought in on the case because of their expertise in blood splatter analysis.

"As of right now we do not have a weapon in our custody," Gentile added, noting that police were also investigating why the fire alarm went off early Saturday morning.

Gallaudet officials said Varner's body was found by resident advisers on the fourth floor of Cogswell Hall after a fire alarm was pulled at 4:15 a.m. on Saturday.

University provost Jane Fernandes repeated that strong measures were being taken to ensure the safety of the 2,000 students.

"We are coping with the situation as best we can," she said.

Employee caught stealing opens fire, kills five

MELROSE PARK, Ill. (AP) - A factory worker who got caught stealing from his employer forced his way into the suburban Chicago engine plant Monday and opened fire one day before he was to report to prison. He killed five people, including himself, and wounded four others.

William D. Baker, 66, showed up at the Navistar International plant with an arsenal of weapons in a golf bag and made his way through the vast building, blasting away with an AK-47 assault rifle, police said. Employees scattered in terror.

He shot seven people, three of them fatally, in an engineering area, then went into an office, where he killed one more person and then shot himself, police said.

Baker had been scheduled to surrender Tuesday to serve a five-month federal sentence for conspiracy to commit theft from an interstate shipment. He pleaded guilty last June, six years after he was fired.

Martin Reutimann, a 24-year-old engineer, was sitting at his desk when he heard gunfire about 10 a.m.

"I heard somebody yell, 'There's a guy in the center aisle with a gun!'" Reutimann said, referring to the long hallway where engines are tested. Reutimann said he didn't believe it at first, then saw people running past him. He grabbed his coat and cellular phone and dialed 911.

Police said Baker showed up at the plant with his weapons in a golf bag. When a security guard tried to stop him, Baker put a .38-caliber revolver to her side and forced his way into the plant, police said.

Once inside the plant, Baker fired the assault rifle, police said. He also carried a shotgun and a .30-caliber hunting rifle in addition to the revolver, police said. They were not sure whether those weapons were used.

The plant, about 15 miles from company headquarters in downtown Chicago, employs about 1,400 people.

Navistar identified three of the dead as Baker; Daniel Dorsch, 52, a supervisor in the engine lab; and Robert Wehrheim, 47, a lab technician. Two of the slain were not identified at the request of their families.

Of the wounded, one was in critical condition: Carl Swanson, 45, who was shot in the abdomen.

Baker was a tool room attendant from suburban Carol Stream who had worked at the plant for 39 years before he was fired in 1994.

According to his plea agreement, Baker admitted helping a fellow plant employee steal diesel engines and components worth $195,400. He used his forklift to hoist the engines onto a truck driven by the other employee.

The thefts began in the fall of 1993 and stopped the next spring.

Baker was sentenced Nov. 7. He had faced five months of house arrest after his prison term and had been ordered to repay the $195,400.

The U.S. Attorney's office also said Baker pleaded guilty in 1997 to a sex charge involving a person under 18. He was placed on probation.

The shooting comes six weeks after seven people were shot to death at a Wakefield, Mass., Internet consulting company, Edgewater Technology Inc. Software tester Michael McDermott is charged with murder in the Dec. 26 rampage. Authorities said the shooting may have stemmed from an Internal Revenue Service order to seize part of his wages to repay back taxes.

Navistar is the nation's second-biggest producer of heavy-duty trucks, which it sells under the International brand. It also manufactures mid-sized trucks, school buses and diesel engines, which it also sells to Ford and other truck makers. The Melrose Park plant makes engines.

The company employs about 17,000 people worldwide and had $8.4 billion in sales last year. In December, it reported fourth-quarter profits were down 36 percent. The company announced 1,100 layoffs in August.

Navistar ranked No. 202 on the latest Fortune 500 list of America's biggest companies.

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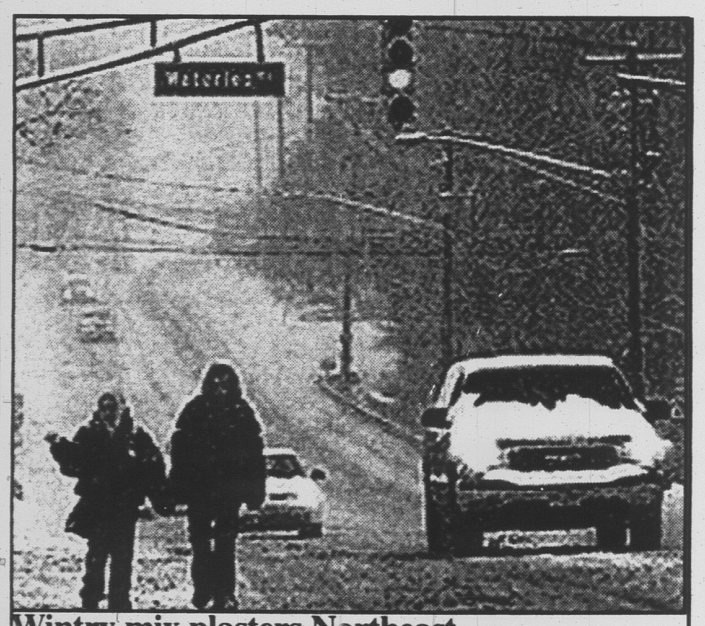


Wintry mix plasters Northeast

A storm plastered the Northeast with heavy, wet snow Monday, stranding drivers, knocking out power and closing schools from Pennsylvania to New Hampshire. Up to 18 inches of snow were forecast in places.

Embassy bombings part of global campaign

NEW YORK - Twin bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa were part of a broader scheme by Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden to spill American blood across the globe, a prosecutor said Monday at the opening of the trial of four alleged terrorists.

Bush won't let tax-relief plan get any bigger

WASHINGTON - President Bush will resist Republicans' efforts to expand his 10-year, $1.6 trillion tax-cut plan, but he "absolutely" supports making it retroactive to Jan. 1, his top economic adviser said Sunday. Bush will send his proposal to Congress on Thursday.

Privacy group warns of e-mail wiretap

WASHINGTON - On Monday, a privacy group started demonstrating a new method to listen in on e-mail that works on the most popular computer programs. Called an e-mail wiretap, it could be used to note off-color remarks from governmental officials, by a spamming company to gather e-mail addresses, or by a boss to find out what you're saying about him.

Israel's Barak fails to catch up to challenger Sharon

JERUSALEM - A day before Israel's fateful election, Prime Minister Ehud Barak on Monday still trailed far behind challenger Ariel Sharon despite his renewed warning that a Sharon victory will plunge Israel into war with the Palestinians. A recent survey gave Sharon 55% and Barak 36%.

Two pulled from rubble 10 days after quake

AHMADABAD, India - Using metal cutters and bare hands, soldiers on a last ditch search Monday dug out a brother and sister who survived 10 days under the rubble after India's killer earthquake, living off crackers and water.

Phillips to buy Tosco in $7B oil deal

With its $7 billion stock purchase of Tosco, Phillips Petroleum added considerable heft to its refining operations at a time when the oil industry is focused on exploration and production.

Nicole Kidman, Tom Cruise separating

LOS ANGELES - After 11 years of marriage, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman said Monday that they are separating because their work is keeping them apart. Pat Kingsley, a spokeswoman for the actors, said the decision was made regretfully.

INTERNATIONAL

Embassy bombing trial begins for four suspects

NEW YORK (AP) - Four men went on trial Monday for the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa, with prosecutors portraying the deadly blasts as part of a worldwide plot by terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden to kill Americans.

"The story that's about to unfold before you is long, complicated and chilling," prosecutor Paul Butler said in his opening statement.

Staring and pointing at each defendant, Butler said the men contributed to bin Laden's decade-long terrorism spree aimed at weakening or overthrowing governments he dislikes.

"They each helped the best way they could and, in the end, 224 men, women and children died and Kenya, Tanzania and America would never be the same," he said. "For that, we seek justice."

The Aug. 7, 1998, bombings in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, were nearly simultaneous. Thousands of people were injured and 12 Americans were among the dead.

Defense lawyers acknowledged the scope of the tragedy but said their clients were being prosecuted unfairly for being associated with bin Laden or his organization, al Qaeda.

"The evidence will not show all the pieces of the puzzle," defense attorney Sam Schmidt said. "The government will ask you to put a small number of pieces together and to guess the other pieces."

Schmidt described his client, Wadih El-Hage, as "a devout, caring person" who would never conspire to kill women and children. El-Hage is a Lebanese-born U.S. citizen.

Another defense attorney, Jeremy Schneider, said defendant Khalfan Khamis Mohamed mixed explosives and helped load the bomb-laden truck used in the Tanzania blast but did not know anything about the plot and did not know bin Laden.

"He was a pawn, someone who was willing to do what he was told to do," Schneider said. "He is not an evil person. They will prove he participated in the evil act."

Jury selection began Jan. 3 inside the courthouse that has been the site of four other major terrorism trials since the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, which killed six people and injured more than 1,000 others.

Two of the embassy bombing defendants - Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali, 24, of Saudi Arabia and Mohamed, 27, of Tanzania - could face the death penalty if convicted.

Two others - El-Hage, 40, of Arlington, Texas, and Mohamed Sadeek Odeh, 35, of Jordan - could face life in prison without parole.

In all, prosecutors have charged 22 men. Three are awaiting extradition from Britain and 13 - including bin Laden - remain at large. One man has already pleaded guilty.

The trial is expected to last up to a year, with the possibility of more than 100 witnesses from six countries and circumstantial evidence that includes telephone and computer records. Butler said the first witness was likely to be a man close to bin Laden who agreed to cooperate with prosecutors after he stole money from bin Laden and got caught.

As for the defendants, El-Hage allegedly worked as a personal secretary to bin Laden, helping raise money and spreading the messages of a man authorities believe is being sheltered in Afghanistan.

Prosecutors say Al-'Owhali "bragged" to the FBI that he rode in a bomb-laden van to the embassy in Nairobi and tossed a stun grenade at a guard outside, while Mohamed allegedly rented a house that was used as a bomb factory in Tanzania.

Odeh allegedly told investigators that he went to Kenya five days before the bombings and met an explosives expert who led a Kenyan terrorism cell.

Prosecutors are expected to outline a conspiracy they say began in the late 1980s when bin Laden organized al Qaeda, an organization largely made up of men who fought successfully against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan.

They say al Qaeda was used to situate terrorism cells in more than two dozen countries, including the United States.

Defense lawyer Anthony Ricco said Odeh joined al Qaeda because the organization was "for helping people who were poor and down and, in some instances, fighting."

He said prosecutors were wrong to say Odeh joined the bombing in Kenya simply because he knew some of those involved in the plot and tried to flee the country the day before the attack.

"He was married to a Kenyan," he said. "His children are Kenyan. His neighbors are Kenyan."

In the audience Monday was Robert Kirk Jr., the husband of Nairobi bombing victim Arlene Kirk. He said he was at home when the bomb went off and raced to the scene "to see if she was safe."

"I saw the carnage and well ....," Kirk said, his voice and eyes wandering off.

International Briefs

Campaigning ends in Israel's pivotal election

JERUSALEM - All official campaigning, including the broadcast of election commercials, ended in Israel's hotly contested race Tuesday, giving the nation a day of quiet to contemplate what Prime Minister Ehud Barak has called "perhaps the most fateful vote in the last generation."

Indonesian mobs burn party offices

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Thousands of demonstrators supporting Indonesia's president burned offices of the former ruling party to protest Parliament's attempts to oust him from power. Two arsons in the province of President Abdurrahman Wahid happened just hours before legislators handed documents to police that they say links him to two corruption scandals.

Gadhafi: Lockerbie case 'a farce'

TRIPOLI, Libya - Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi said Monday that the verdict in the Lockerbie bombing case that cleared one Libyan suspect and convicted another was a compromise aimed at pleasing Libya and the victims' families. In a tirade in which he occasionally banged his fist on the desk and raised his voice to stress what he called the "triviality" of the evidence, Gadhafi said the world had been misled over Libya's role in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. The jetliner blew up in December 1988 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

Nine hurt in Moscow subway explosion

MOSCOW - An explosive device blew up at a busy subway station in central Moscow during the evening rush hour Monday, injuring nine people. The explosion took place shortly before 7 p.m. in an underground passageway at the Belorusskaya station, a spokesman said. Russian news agencies, citing subway police, said the device had been placed under a bench, but the ministry said it could not confirm the reports. Seven of the victims were hospitalized for burns and scratches.

Miracle duo pulled from rubble 10 days after quake

AHMADABAD, India - Using metal cutters and bare hands, soldiers on a last ditch search Monday dug out a brother and sister who survived 10 days under the rubble after India's killer earthquake, living off crackers and water. The team of 20 soldiers had been touring Bhuj, a city flattened by the Jan. 26 quake, when they heard faint sounds from under a pile of rubble. "Everyone had given up hope of finding any survivors. This is a miracle," an inspector general of the Border Security Force said.

Energy minister fired over Russia's heating fiasco

MOSCOW - President Vladimir Putin fired his energy minister Monday and a governor in Russia's Far East resigned after the government's failure to solve a months-long electricity and heating crisis in the region. The energy crisis in Russia's Far East and parts of Siberia has left thousands of people shivering in unheated apartments during a record cold spell. More than 33,000 people in eight regions of the country were currently without heat due to equipment breakdowns.

American hostage freed in Chechnya

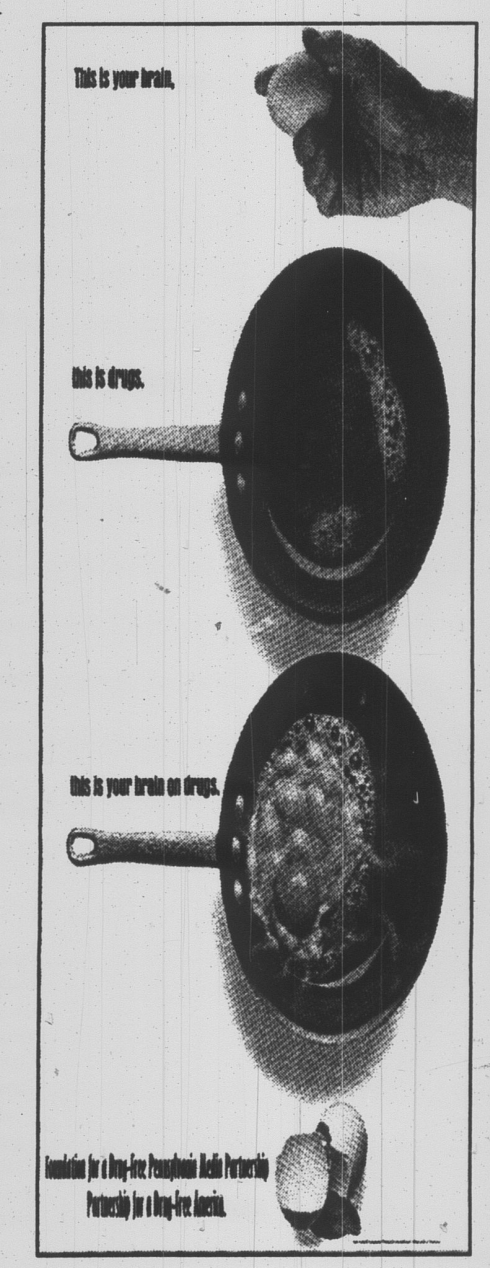
NAZRAN, Russia - After a month of captivity in breakaway Chechnya, an American aid worker was questioned Monday by Russian authorities who said they had orchestrated his release and were preparing to send him home. Kenneth Gluck, head of the Doctors Without Borders mission for the troubled region, said he would consider going back to work in the region.

Egypt convicts four for religious clashes

SOHAG, Egypt - A southern Egyptian court Monday convicted just four of 96 defendants on trial for deadly Muslim-Christian clashes a year ago that marked some of the worst religious violence in decades. All four convicted were Muslims, though none were convicted of the harshest charges filed, murder. The harshest penalty imposed was 10 years in prison for accidental homicide and illegal possession of a weapon. Twenty-one people, nearly all of them Christians, died in the violence that erupted Jan. 2, 2000, after an argument between a Muslim customer and a Coptic Christian shopkeeper in el-Kusheh, 275 miles south of Cairo.

China revs up attacks on banned sect

BEIJING - China's government is seizing on the dramatic suicide attempt by purported members of the Falun Gong sect to try to sway a public that has stood on the sidelines during the 18-month-long crackdown on the banned group. State media have intensified attacks on Falun Gong. Scholars are denouncing it in a symposium-like forum touring Beijing. Touching off the campaign was the attempt by seven people to burn themselves on Tiananmen Square on Jan. 23, eve of the Lunar New Year, China's biggest holiday.



SPORTS

Men's basketball takes two PAC wins on the road

Photo by Courtney Behm

J.P. Maszczak warms up before a big game.

By B. J. Mathieu
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster men's basketball team won two PAC games on the road last week against W&J and Thiel. The Titans (14-6 overall, 4-1 PAC) defeated W&J (5-13), 87-69 Jan. 31. While the Titans only led by 3 at halftime, 38-35, they picked it up in the second half to win by 18 points.

Senior forward Chad Phillips had a game-high 32 points and 9 rebounds. Senior forwards Henry Klinar and Andy Wormsley scored 21 and 13, respectively.

Coach Jim Dafler thought his team played "fairly solid," even though "they played a little in spurts in the first half, they had a good second half."

The Titans traveled to Thiel Feb. 3 on a two-game winning streak, winning four of their last five games, and left with another PAC victory.

Westminster (15-6 overall, 5-1 PAC) defeated Thiel (9-12), 74-68.

Like Wednesday's game against W&J, the Titans led by 3 at halftime, 37-34, and then pulled away late in the second half.

"We came out very strong early in the game," Dafler said. "We were able to move away at the end of the game."

Klinar scored a game-high 22 points, while Wormsley chipped in 14 points.

Phillips scored just 11 points, but had a game-high 14 rebounds.

Over the last two games Dafler felt the team has made "good strides defensively," yet he thought the Titans need a little improvement offensively.

"The perimeter shooting hasn't been too well, and we have not been getting to the free throw line enough," Dafler said.

The Titans battle the Bethany Bisons on Feb. 7 at home beginning at 8 p.m.

Lady Titans continue perfect 9-0 swim season

By Jess Borchart
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's swim teams swam their way to victory against Grove City College Jan. 31. The Lady Titans held a strong 9-0 with a score of 126-83. Junior Jaime Sell and freshman Megan Lytle led the women. Sell won the 200 and 500 freestyle events. Lytle captured both the 100 butterfly and 1000 freestyle events while also swimming a leg in the 200 freestyle relay.

The men claimed top time in all individual and relay events, winning 119-90 and improving their record to 7-2. Sophomores Craig Guthoerl and Richard King and freshman Matt Buzard walked away with a pair of individual wins and one relay win for the Titans. King won the 500 and 100 freestyle races, while Guthoerl took both wins for the 200 breaststroke and 400 individual medley. They also swam for the winning 200-medley relay team. Buzard won the 50 and 100 freestyle races while swimming a leg for the victorious 200 freestyle relay squad.

Last year the Titans suffered a devastating loss against Ashland University, but Westminster would avenge the loss this season. Both teams beat Ashland University Feb. 3, earning the women a perfect 10-0 record. Juniors Stephanie Dawson and Sell carried the Titans with a pair of individual wins and a relay win each.

"We were really fired up about the meet. We knew we could beat them," Sell said. "It was great to have the support of all our friends and fans. We are definitely ready for PAC."

Sophomore Jim Mann won both the 200 freestyle and 200 backstroke. Buzard and junior Kurt Rotthoff each swam on the winning 400-medley relay team. Defeating Ashland brought the Titan men to a record of 8-2.

"It was good to redeem ourselves from last year's loss to Ashland," King said. "It was a great season overall."

The PAC Championship, held Feb. 15-17, will be the next time both teams compete.

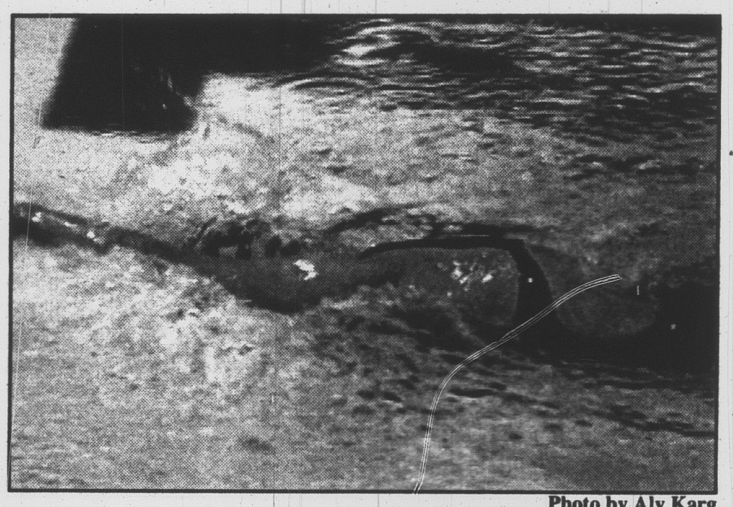


Photo by Aly Karg

Dedicated Titan swims toward the win.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Swimming PAC Invitational
Grove City Feb. 15-17

Women's Basketball
Saturday, Feb. 10 vs. Waynesburg at home*
Monday, Feb. 12 at Medaille
Wednesday, Feb. 14 vs. W&J at home*

Men's Basketball
Saturday, Feb 10 vs. Waynesburg at home*
Wednesday, Feb 14 vs. W&J at home*

* Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) game

A costly game, Oklahoma mourns its teammates

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

"It's only a game." How many times have we as athletes heard that phrase and rolled our eyes? How often do athletes hear that phrase from those on the sidelines and grimace? All too often athletes feel that the battle of competition is life. They live and die by the wins and losses their team captures, or by the personal acts they perform. Unfortunately, it takes a tragedy like the plane crash at Oklahoma State University for athletes all across the world to realize the pettiness of competition and the value of life.

The day of the crash, the Cowboys lost to the 11th ranked team in the Big 12, Colorado University, by a score of 81-71. It was only the fourth loss and the second conference loss for OSU. Oklahoma had cut the lead to one point after halftime, but CU went on a run and extended their lead to 23 points, while OSU did not score during the 5:30 stretch. After the terrible game, the team was exhausted, frustrated, and anxious to return home. Little did they know that ten people in their party would never get that chance.

The details of the crash are still under investigation, but the families of the victims were comforted in knowing the plane went down in the Colorado field quickly, killing the passengers and pilots instantly. The eight members of the OSU basketball team and the two pilots have been mourned continuously since the crash on January 27. Lost in the fatality were Nate Fleming, Daniel Lawson, Pat Noyes, Will Hancock, Brian Luinstra, Bill Teegins, Jared Weiberg, Kendall Durfey, Denver Mills, and Bjorn Falistrom.

Those that are lost were not only team members and sports personalities, but many were also fathers, brothers, and friends to their communities. Fleming, a red-shirt freshman was a walk-on who played in four games last year. He was the valedictorian of his high school class and a National Honor Society member. He was the son of Zane and Ann Fleming and the brother of Drue and Sarah. Lawson, a red-shirt guard from Detroit came from Mott Community College in Michigan where he was named the Player of the Year. He is survived by his parents Daniel and Phyllis, his brothers Eric and Austin, and sisters Karen and Shynika.

The other men lost were not players, but vital parts of the basketball program and, more importantly, their families. Noyes, the 27-year-old director of basketball operations, earned the nickname "Snake" during the Big Eight Tour to Taiwan in the summer of 1995 by drinking a drink that contained snake blood. Hancock was in his fifth year as coordinator of media relations. He is the son of Bill Hancock, director of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. His wife, Karen Hancock, is the coach of the OSU women's soccer team. Their first child, Andie, was born Nov. 16, 2000. Luinstra, the trainer for the Cowboys and a native of Augusta, Kansas, leaves a wife, Carolyn; a 2 year-old daughter, Alexis Renee; and an infant son, Garrett. Teegins was the play-by-play voice of the OSU Cowboys and sports director of KWTV in Oklahoma City. He had been with KWTV 13 years and was sports director. He was named Oklahoma Sportscaster of the Year six times. Weiberg, the student manager, was the nephew of Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg. Durfey was a broadcast engineer employed by OSU educational television services. Mills had been the OSU pilot for several years. He leaves a wife, Lindell Mills; son, David Mills, 21, a student at OSU; and daughters Kathryn Wilson and Debra Mills. Falistrom was recent addition to OSU, serving as the co-pilot.

Posted on the OSU website (okstate.fansonly.com) are memorials and thoughts to the families and friends of the victims. Showing the trivialness of rivalries, an OU fan sent the following message: "My heart goes out to everyone at Oklahoma State and to the families of those lost. This tragedy has brought everything into perspective for all Oklahomans. I am a student at the University of Oklahoma, and our rivalry with Oklahoma State stops at athletics. We are all mourning your tremendous loss and as Oklahomans, we feel your pain. My thoughts and prayers are with you. -Christie Long, Oklahoma."

Although sports are an important part of many people's lives, young and old, a tragedy like the ten men killed at OSU make us realize the trivialness of athletics and the importance of life. Summing up this idea is a quotation posted by TLH from Eufaula, Oklahoma, on the OSU website. It states, "Life flows swiftly by, like a river. You put your feet in the stream for awhile, and the waters part around your ankles. Some people make waves; some people build islands where they erect monuments to themselves or to their achievements. Some simply wade steadily along, placing one foot in front of the other. When a man leaves, the river flows onward, and usually, there is little or no evidence of his coming or going. The water washes away everything, but the footprints left on the hearts of those who loved him. -Author Unknown"

Lady Titan basketball wins sixth straight game

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball team improved to 10-9 overall and a perfect 6-0 against Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) competition last week, as the Lady Titans posted a 72-55 road win over PAC rival Thiel College. It was the sixth straight win for the Lady Titan cagers, the first six-game winning streak since the 1987-88 season.

Against Thiel, the Titans were trailing 8-4 five minutes into the game and then went on a 20-0 run over the next 5:21 to take a 24-8 advantage with 9:24 to play in the half. The Lady Titans led by as many as 19 points in the half, before a late Thiel rally closed the lead to 10 points (40-30) at halftime. The Lady Cats closed within six points (44-38) with 15:05 to go in the game, only to see the Lady Titans respond with a 14-0 run and a 58-38 lead with 10:33 to play. Thiel got no closer than 15 points the rest of the way.

Four Lady Titans scored in double figures in the victory, led by sophomore center Teale Ganster with a team-high 17 points and eight rebounds. Junior guard Robin Thayer added 16 markers in the win, while sophomore guards Jennifer Petures and Jaime Lynn added 13 and 10 points, respectively. Amanda Swanson paced Thiel with a game-high 21 points.

The Lady Titans return to action this Saturday, at home, against PAC rival Waynesburg College. Tip-off is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Photo by Courtney Behm

A Lady Titan looks for someone to pass to.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

STAMPER & STALEY

The Wedding Planner

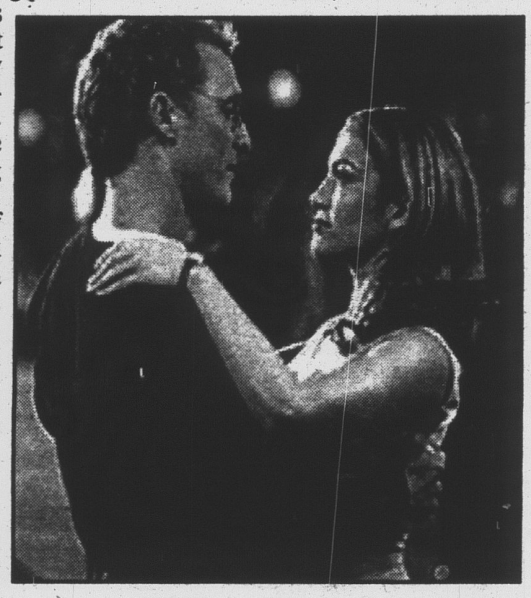
Beth Staley

What would someone study in order to become a wedding planner? I wonder. After watching *The Wedding Planner,* I am convinced that there should be a wedding planning major.

In *The Wedding Planner*, Jennifer Lopez plays Mary, the actual wedding planner. Lopez literally wires the weddings she plans. She recites the wedding toast to the best man via small headphones and microphones. She has a belt that resembles that of an action hero, except Lopez's belt carries sedatives, smelling salts and other emergency-related items that might come in handy when the F.O.B. (father of the bride) or M.O.B (mother of the bride) becomes anxious during a wedding. Everyone has an abbreviation, and each wedding procedure has a code.

Lopez even has her pre-wedding speech ready for uncertain brides. After listening to the wedding planner's soft, sentimental words about love and marriage, anyone would be ready to walk down the aisle. So, why isn't the wedding planner married?

Lopez wonders the same thing, but keeps herself busy enough to avoid further contemplation. One day, while making wedding plans on her cell phone, the heel of her shoe gets stuck in the hole of a sewer lid. Nearby, Steve Edison, played by Matthew McConaughey, sees that Lopez is about to get hit by an oncoming dumpster, and saves her life.



McConaughey's character is a charming pediatrician. He takes care of Lopez at his own office. Eventually, Lopez's friend (Judy Greer) arrives at the office to pick her up. After seeing McConaughey's good looks, Greer decides that all three of them should see a movie together. Once they arrive at the movie, Greer makes up a lousy excuse to leave. This becomes McConaughey's and Lopez's unofficial date.

A couple of days later, they meet again with great surprise. Lopez has been unknowingly planning McConaughey's marriage with the rich and beautiful Fran Donolly, played by Bridgette Wilson. Lopez is crushed. However, McConaughey seems to have quite the eye for Lopez, and becomes particularly jealous when one of Lopez's admirers, played by Justin Chambers, claims to be her fiancée.

This movie is definitely in the chick-flick category, but there is a great deal of humor in it. The actors and actresses give great performances, and although the scenes move rather slowly, the chemistry between McConaughey and Lopez is so good that the slow pace is not completely oppressive.

Overall, Director Adam Shankman gives audiences some memorable moments. Between Lopez's scrabble club, McConaughey's M&M eating habits and a statue incident, this is an entertaining movie. If you enjoy wedding movies (i.e. *Runaway Bride*, *My Best Friend's Wedding*, etc.) then you better see this one. However, if the wedding chick-flicks fail to hold your interest, you might want to pencil in *The Wedding Planner* for later in your planner-like when it's out on rental!

A Valentine's Day history, murder and mayhem

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Women see it as a day to get flowers. Men either dread or forget about it. A fat baby shoots people with arrows. But where did Valentine's Day come from and why do we celebrate it?

Many stories exist about the origins of Valentine's Day, all with one common consistency: inconsistency. With the lack of historical evidence, the only sure thing about the legend of St. Valentine is that it is exactly that, a legend.

The most widely accepted story about St. Valentine and how we came to celebrate his day contains both Christian and Roman tradition. During the time of the ancient Roman Empire, February 14th was a holiday to honor the Queen of the goddesses and gods, Juno, who was also the goddess of women and marriage.

The Roman boys and girls would celebrate this holiday by writing down the names of every girl and placing them in a jar. Each young man would pull out a name of a girl and this girl would be his partner for the festival. Often times, these couples would fall in love and eventually be married.

However, Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than married ones, and outlawed marriages for young men. Valentine, a Roman priest, saw the injustice in this law, and continued to marry couples in secret.

When Claudius discovered this, he imprisoned Valentine. While in jail, Valentine was often visited by an admiring female. In his final note to her before his February 14th execution, he wrote, "From your Valentine," a phrase we all copied to sign our cards in elementary school before we put them in aluminum foil mailboxes.

Another more recent Valentine's Day story comes from Chicago. On Valentine's Day 1929, the bootlegging wars between gangs were raging. That morning, a group of seven men waited in a warehouse for a truck filled with whiskey to arrive. The men were part of Bugs Moran's gang.

While they waited inside for the truck and Moran, a police car pulled up outside. Moran arrived seconds later, saw the police car, and quickly sped away unnoticed. Five men emerged from the police car, all dressed in uniform, and entered the warehouse. They entered the warehouse and ordered the seven men against the wall. The five "officers" then opened fire on Moran's men, killing all seven. This became known as "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre."

Moran was quick to blame rival gang leader Al Capone for the hits. Authorities, however, were not as sure. Capone had been in Florida at the time of the killing and told the press, "The only man who kills like that is Bugs Moran." Earlier that day, Moran had told the press in Chicago, "Only Capone kills guys like that." Moran was right.

So there you have it, two Valentine's Day stories, both resulting in...death. So if you find yourself shelling out big bucks for a Valentine's dinner, or sitting at home waiting for the stupid phone to ring, think about Bugs Moran's guys and consider yourself lucky.

Kathie Lee replaced by newcomer Kelly Ripa

By Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

Are you ready for "Live with Regis and Kelly?" It might not roll off the tongue just yet, but we better get used to it, because Kelly Ripa was named this past Monday to take Kathie Lee Gifford's place next to Regis Philbin on ABC's morning show, "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee."

"Say hello to my new co-host," Philbin said Monday as he started the show with Ripa by his side. He has been trying out possible co-hosts for quite a while. The show even held a contest in September in which viewers got a chance to sit in the hot seat. Several of the fill-ins have been mentioned as possible permanent replacements—including Philbin's wife, Joy, CNBC financial reporter Maria Bartiromo, and E! personality Suzanne Sena—but they have all lost out to Ripa.

Also known to daytime fans as Hayley Santos on ABC's soap opera, "All My Children," Ripa will continue her 10-year stint on the Emmy-award winning show while working with Phillbin.

She has partnered with Philbin several times since Gifford departed last July. In fact, she announced on "Live" late last year that she is pregnant with her second child.

Ripa is married to her "All My Children" co-star Mark Consuelos, and they live in New Jersey with their 3-year-old son, Michael Joseph.

Survivor II, Amber still going strong

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE WRITER

She ate a bug...but anyway - Survivor II had Westminster on edge last Thursday as Amber's tribe, Ogakor, lost the immunity challenge and had to go to Tribal Council for the first time.

They did however, win the rewards challenge, gaining two blankets thanks to Kucha's Roger, whose inability to swim well, and fear of heights cost his tribe the blankets. Both tribes had to jump from a high cliff and then swim through the rapids to the finish line. The tribe to successfully complete this challenge first was rewarded nicely, as the nights in the Australian Outback aren't exactly comfortable.

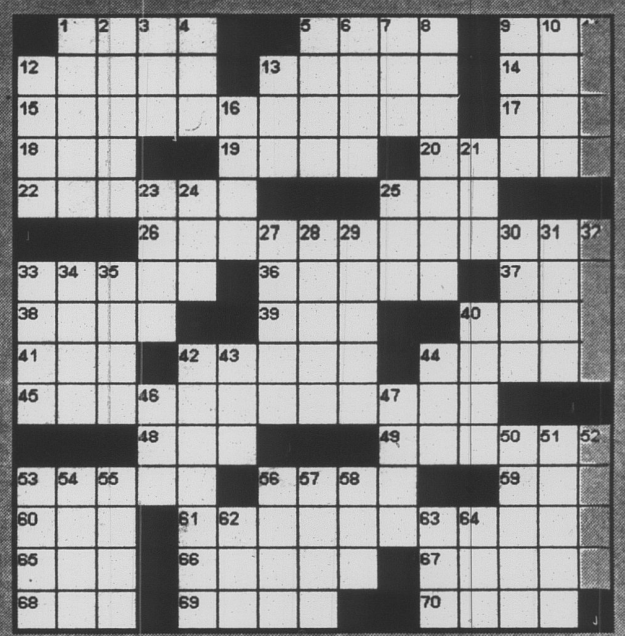
Later, the cameras focus on Ogakor, as hostilities and suspicions surface over Kel, the army intelligence man suspected of hoarding beef jerky. We see Amber help others to search his bag while he is away.

The immunity challenge tested the survivors' will as well as their pallets. Paired off, each Survivor was to spin a wheel with Mangrove worms, large crusty bugs, grubs, cow brains and something that resembled a scorpion. Two lucky contestants from each tribe got to forego the aboriginal food and eat fruit and candy. Amber wasn't so lucky... she got the thing that looked like a scorpion. The team that ate the most bugs won, and after Tina puked up the mangrove worm for Ogakor, Kucha claimed immunity.

In the end, Kel was voted off for the beef jerky incident, with Amber voting for him as well.

Across
1 "Why Me?" singer
5 "Shake ___"
9 It gives out money in bars
12 Enthusiasm
13 Kind of acid
14 Cervenka bandmate
15 He produced the best-selling album of all time
17 Israel Gershvin, to the world
18 Employ
19 Strong trees
20 Singer married to producer Robert John "Mutt" Lange
22 Queen's "Sheer Heart ___"
25 Etta James' "___ Fool"
26 In 1963 he spent 37 weeks as a producer at #1 in the U.K.
33 Aerosmith hit off "Permanent Vacation"
36 "Stormy Weather" composer Harold
37 ___ Cube
38 Singers take them at concerts
39 Subject of "Born in the U.S.A."
40 Use a sketchpad
41 Lunched
42 Take care of
44 Many 'N Sync fans
45 He's produced albums for Dylan, U2, and Peter Gabriel
48 What she blinded Thomas Dolby with: abbr.
49 "This is Spinal Tap" director
53 Movie music
56 "___ I didn't know my own bed" (Paul Simon line)
59 Eggs
60 Audience member at Johnny Cash's "At San Quentin"
61 Producer who played in Chuck Berry's backing band at age 16
65 Grunt of pop
66 Record company big shots
67 Celine's brother
68 Boom ___
69 "___ the Halls"
70 Neat as a pin

Down
1 Part of American pie?
2 On ___ (slimming down)
3 One of the Stones
4 Joan of ___ ("She's So High" name)
5 "You alright?" reply
6 Food cans, to Brits
7 One in Avignon
8 Job in a Marvelettes title
9 Sarah McLachlan hit
10 Ms. Amos
11 Like Mr. Mustard
12 Asia album of 1992
13 Classic Steely Dan effort
16 John Lennon's "Dear ___"
21 What is it good for?
23 "Rock of ___"
24 Movie frame
25 "___ Mine" ("Let It Be" song)
27 "Daphnis et Chloe" composer
28 Garbo or Van Susteren
29 He sang a tribute to Diana
30 Get sleepy
31 "___ See for Miles"
32 Queen album "___ of the World"
33 "Having ___ day?"
34 Sondheim's "___ Day Goes By"
35 Stefani of No Doubt
40 He played a Cuban bandleader on TV
42 Left the union
43 Actor Wallach
44 Part of Robert Palmer's standard performing outfit
46 Nat. of Gene Simmons' birth
47 "Carmina Burana" composer
50 Famous
51 First word of a Police title
52 '70s hitmakers ___ Earth
53 Strikebreaking employee
54 His big break came with the 1945 hit "Till the End of Time"
55 "Slam" rappers
56 Opposite of "sans"
57 Fats Domino's "___ and Tired"
58 You may need them to get into bars
62 Tree cutter
63 Many times, poetically
64 ___ Lanka



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HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Don't become angry with family or friends. You will have to gauge your activities wisely, or exhaustion will result. Don't be drawn into a questionable plan, gossip will only result in making you look bad.

TAURUS
Someone you least expect may try to lead you in the wrong direction. Keep an open mind. Don't be too eager to let others in on your personal secrets.

GEMINI
Romantic encounters are apparen. You will have to make a decision regarding your personal partner. The infatuations you have been experiencing may be due to something you are lacking in your emotional relationship.

CANCER
Change is necessary in order to rid yourself of that old familiar stale feeling. Don't be afraid to let go of the past. Someone you care about may not be completely honest with you.

LEO
You will get into arguments with friends or relatives if you don't listen to them. Try hard not to instigate unnecessary friction with your loved ones. Your own irritability will be largely at fault. You need to meet new people.

VIRGO
Your insight will allow you to make constructive suggestions. Your creative talent needs an outlet. Be prepared to show your work, you will get support. Be careful. Don't get involved with a person who is already committed to someone else.

LIBRA
Don't waste your time trying to deal with erratic individuals. Don't take on too many projects. Focus on getting ahead your own way.

SCORPIO
Friends will be able to give you some sound advice if you open up about your personal concerns. Talk to those you respect about your professional intentions. You may want to look into ways of making a little extra cash.

SAGITTARIUS
This will not be an easy time to talk to your mate about serious matters. You are likely to say things that you will regret later. Don't make major decisions too quickly.

CAPRICORN
Be sure to pamper yourself by doing exactly what you want and not what everyone else wants. Don't retaliate verbally or tempers will escalate. Don't argue; just work in your own space and avoid getting into heated debates.

AQUARIUS
You should try to spend time with those who can help lift your spirits. Listen to others and you will be sure to obtain valuable information. Don't make statements unless you have all the pertinent information on hand.

PISCES
Your strong vision of the way things are supposed to be, gives you confidence in yourself. You will enhance your reputation if you bend over backwards to help someone truly in need.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Did you ever wonder why you chose to attend this 'snobitorium?'"

"I would really prefer to have the question of the week back. I get sick of hearing people 'rant' about things they plan to do nothing about."

"I'm sure they will fix the TUB doors just as soon as they fix the network."

"The food has been exceptionally good since we have returned from break. Not!"

"A little over three months till graduation. Whoo hoo!"

"Long distance relationships are tough."

"I can't ask where all the hot boys on this campus went. We've never had any!"

"Why aren't there any phones in TCF? Anytime I have to make a call, I search nearly the whole building and then I just end up leaving. What a pain."

"I am 21 years old and pay for my own education, but teachers still tell me I HAVE to go to class."

"The orb is quite ugly."

OUR VIEW: Responsibility

By now nearly everyone has heard about the post-pickup destruction in the art gallery.

It would be nice to say that such an incident is a rare occurrence on our campus, but it would also be untruthful. The problem is that all too often we find that things are broken, stolen, or vandalized simply because there are students on this campus who lack respect for the college they pay obscene amounts of money to attend. Of course they will continue to complain that tuition is too high, that the internet service is too slow, library holdings and food services are inadequate, but then again they will turn around and damage or steal from the campus which will cost money to repair or replace. Even unnecessary items purchased solely for student recreation and benefit (such as vending machines in dorms, pool tables, etc.) are damaged for what appears to be no good reason.

Then, of course, there are complaints about the length of time it takes to repair something on campus. One can call for help and not receive immediate service that same day! Imagine the disappointment they will encounter in the real world when there is no one standing at arm's length to repair a mysteriously broken window or to replace parts on a battered heater.

The true problem is that the ones who are most vocal about what Westminster is lacking, are the ones who are not responsible enough to respect what it does offer. Why should we have nice furniture and expensive equipment if it is only going to be destroyed and abused? It is hardly worthwhile to replace or repair something that is sure to be stolen or destroyed soon thereafter. Why not wait? If something is fixed right away, it is just open to being abused again immediately.

Why should we have nice furniture and expensive equipment if it is only going to be destroyed and abused?

It's not just about respect for property, it's also about respect for the person who is going to have to clean up afterward. In the case of the art gallery destruction, it's about respect for the person whose artwork has been smashed.

Maybe if students want better internet service, a larger variety of food and more parking, they could pitch in and do their fair share for the school. Not having to replace stolen or broken items multiple times is a big money-saver. It would be easy. They could do their part simply by resisting the temptation, by getting a hobby, or becoming involved in activities that don't require vandalism or petty theft.

Added to this, students could also demonstrate courtesy toward each other as well. Student art projects and belongings are just as susceptible to destruction.

Showing respect toward each other and visitors on campus will not only help to prevent vandalism, but it will also help create a feeling of unity between the students, professors, professionals and staff at the college. Tolerance will be something that is attained not because people feel something is necessarily right or wrong but because they respect a person's decisions.

To make Westminster a better place think before you act. If you don't think first, take responsibility for your actions. Reconsider your purpose at this institution, it can be a new beginning or a continuacion of your high school years.

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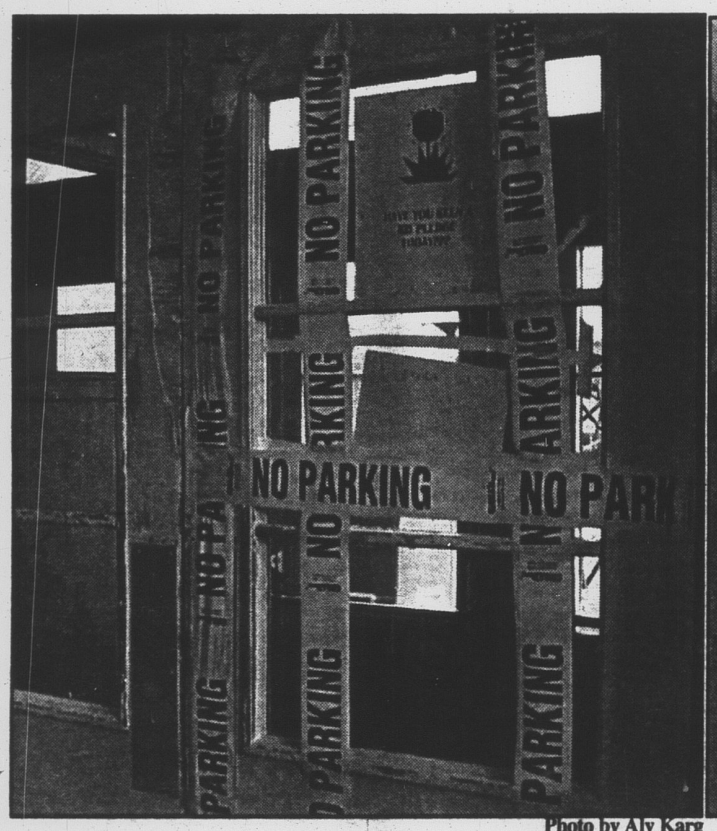

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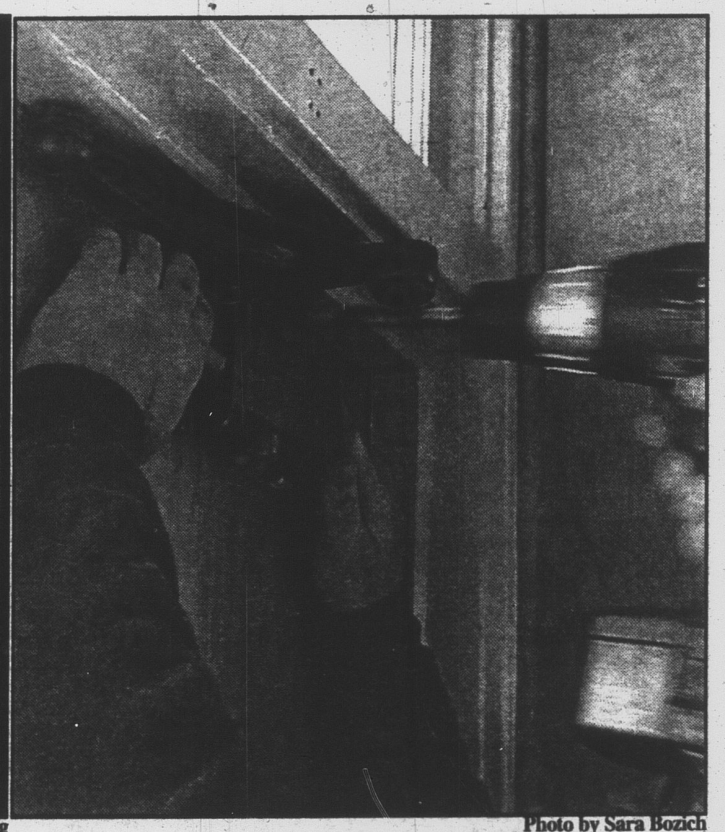
Eight weeks in a ICU.



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Full recovery projected.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On the computers in the lab there is a sticker that says: "Designed for Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0." NT is an operating system in which you need not log on in your room, when you turn your machine on you are automatically logged on. This system allows you to go to the lab without logging off. The computers were designed for this. So why do we use Novell? Westminster says that an upgrade to NT would be "too costly." However spending $12,000 to clean out the lake is justified because contributing alumni complained, only students can complain about the network, so no action will be taken. Furthermore, in addition to the money the school makes by selling us the CD to alter our computers configuration to use bug-ridden Novell, my sources inform me that Westminster receives a kickback of about $5,000 to use the archaic Novell and the non-popular Netscape.

Westminster no longer supports GroupWise and many of you who receive the 8201 error better get used to it because they will not fix it for you. The help desk responds: "You are pretty much screwed." My roommate's GroupWise doesn't work and the help desk's reply to him was: "Use the lab to check your mail." May I remind you that we pay an "Infotech" fee of $10.00 a credit per semester for "Technology" on campus (19credits=$190perSemester).

Some may place the blame on the network's poor performance on Napster; however, for a school that claims to be a "most wired college," downloading large files shouldn't be an issue.

Usually if you are a dissatisfied customer to an Internet provider, the provider will offer you a refund. I would encourage those dissatisfied to request an "Infotech" refund from the business office. I wonder what they will say?

Bill Jester

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regards to the broken lower level TUB door. The lovely door with the parking tape all over it and the missing handle. This door is one of the two (and the most used of the two) ways into the TUB, yet it has been broken since before Christmas break. This means the door has been broken for over two months without any real attempt to fix it. Although someone has spent a great deal of time decorating it with pretty yellow tape.

The broken door causes traffic problems every meal (and many other times) at the TUB. Only one person can fit through the door at a time because of the way it opens. It is also wisely placed right at the mail desk, a bottleneck to the food court and the most popular place for people to stand and talk. I was hoping the DO NOT PARK HERE tape might encourage people not to park themselves at the door and talk, but this has not happened.

If the broken door is here to stay, then maybe Westminster should place a picture of this door in the next brochure. But hey, at least they cleaned out the lake.

Matt Lauffer

EDITOR'S NOTE: At time of publication a temporary door was being installed for use in the TUB.

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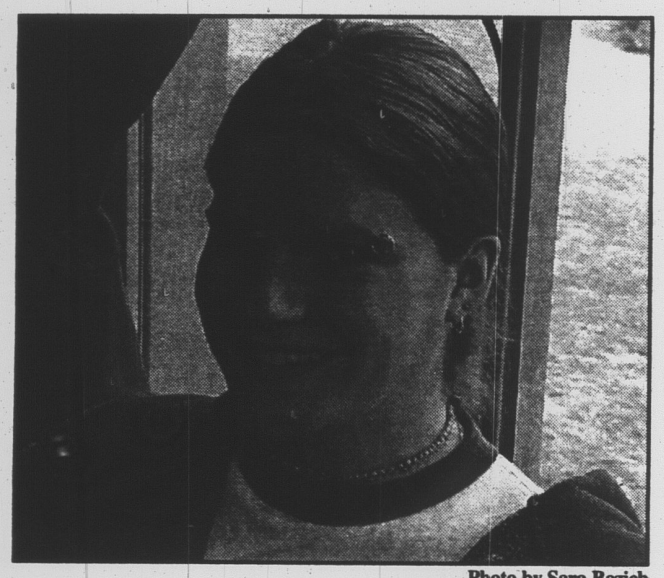
This week featuring Jessica Marie Romel and Dorita Ferguson Bolger



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Jessica Marie Romel

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Name: Jessica Marie Romel
Hometown: Glendale, WV
Nickname: "Jess"
Year at WC: Sophomore
Sign: Libra
Major: Broadcast Communications
Pet Peeve: "Anything that wakes me up."
SB: If you could be any animated character, who would you be?
Jess: Buttercup from the Powerpuff Girls.
SB: What are you watching Thursday nights? Friends or Survivor II?
Jess: I don't watch TV. I'd rather watch Friends.
SB: If you were in outer space for a long, many-light-year long trip and you could bring one game and play it with one person from any time period, what game and who?
Jess: I would play Perfect Dark with my roommate, Amber Allen.
SB: What is/was your most interesting job?
Jess: I work at Jamboree in the Hills as a security guard. It's pretty inter esting.
SB: Given the choice, would you rather die happy or live forever?
Jess: Die happy.

Name: Dorita Ferguson Bolger
Hometown: Sharpsville, PA
Nickname: "never had one."
Year at WC: 20
Sign: Aries
Department: Library
Pet Peeve: "People driving and using cell phones."
SB: If you could be any animated character, who would you be?
Bolger: Doc of the seven dwarves.
SB: What are you watching Thursday nights? Friends or Survivor II?
Bolger: Neither. If you asked me what I watched Wednesday night, I'd have an answer.
SB: If you were in outer space for a long, many-light-year long trip and you could bring one game and play it with one person from any time period, what game and who?
Bolger: Two-handed canasta with Dr. Sprow.
SB: What is/was your most interesting job?
Bolger: Being a librarian, I think. I've been a variety of things, but I think that would be the most interesting.
SB: Given the choice, would you rather die happy or live forever?
Bolger: Die happy.

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Dorita Ferguson Bolger

Creative Ways College Students Celebrate Valentine's Day

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Valentine's Day is celebrated annually with the aid of jewelry stores, candy stores, flower shops, and of course, Hallmark. It can be a very expensive holiday - and Christmas is barely a month and a half behind. With student loans, the purchase of books for the semester, and phone bills, what means do college students use to celebrate this romantic holiday?

It seems the most common answer had something to do with food. Most college couples take the holiday as an excuse to forego cafeteria food and splurge at a restaurant that does not take student ID cards or sport a drive-through window. Favorites include but are not limited to The Olive Garden, Combine Brothers in Hermitage, PA and The Iron Bridge in Mercer, PA.

Cooking a homemade meal for Valentine's Day is a cost-effective alternative to going out to eat - though it could prove difficult in a dormitory. (However, nothing heats up an already romantic night like a four-alarm fire.) Nonetheless, a trend of eating in has become prominent, in particular, the man showing off his culinary skills to the woman.

Some students continue to splurge if financially able.

"For Valentine's Day Dan is going to take me to the Houston Museum of Fine Arts to see the Renaissance Exhibit!" said senior Katie Pollock, who is student teaching in Houston this semester.

And others still find creative means to show their love without overspending, like sending an IOU or making a homemade gift. Senior Katie Brentzel opted for the resourceful.

"We're going to make CDs for each other," she said, "and he's going to cook me dinner."

Junior Robin Frost likes to add a personal touch to her gifts for her boyfriend also.

"I have made him a homemade valentine every Valentine's Day for the past four years," Frost said.

This holiday is certainly not just for couples. Junior David Field is single this Valentine's Day.

"I'll ask my mom to be my valentine," said Field, "It's a day to show people you love that you love them."

Many students send valentines to all of their friends and relatives, not just to a significant other. Groups of singles take the day to watch movies or go out to dinner together in a non-couples setting.

And some plan to celebrate on their own, as a kind of salute to solitude. Others still, in a demeanor that seems more spiteful than romantic, participate in another way.

"On Valentine's Day I will be wearing all black because it is the antithesis of the entire holiday," said junior Amber Allen.

It seems, however, that college-age students prefer to be spontaneous on this romance-filled holiday. Most people didn't have plans for Valentine's Day, especially men. And that could be why they are stuck cooking the meals this year....

A town in love with a groundhog

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

February 2, 2001-Groundhog Day, in THE town for the holiday-Punxsutawney, PA, and I had the pleasure of being there.

The night before, I had the honor of attending the 2001 Groundhog Eve Banquet. Our place settings included a copy of "The Groundhog Day Gazette," a one-page program for the evening, complete with Groundhog Day history and summary of the night's events.

I sat next to Punxsutawney's Sheriff, who offered the typical small-town hospitality by introducing me to as many people as possible, and offering me his card. I asked him if it was a 'get-out-of-jail-free' card. No, it was not, but the sheriff did tell me that if I took that card and fifty-nine cents to the local gas station I could get myself a cup of coffee. Love that small-town humor.

Across the table from me sat a strange man from "upstate" New York who told me he started coming to "Punx'y" (as it's called) for Groundhog Day five years ago, as a joke. Now this man, a criminal lawyer, makes Feb. 2 an annual holiday for himself. I also heard of a man who lives in Florida and is buying his second home in Punxsutawney-and this was only his second Groundhog Day! I was ready to move there too.

The chanting of "Ground-hog!" officially kick-starts the banquet. Everyone eats and soon the entertainment begins. The Inner Circle members (to those of you unaware, the Inner Circle is the Groundhog Club or the guys in the top hats in charge of Phil) run the show, which includes witty banter in between announcements and awards. They introduce the foreign exchange students, announce the Groundhog King and Queen from Punx'y High, award a Punxsutawney Man and Woman of the Year, have guest speakers-notably Larry Richert from KDKA TV and Kristen Dodd from The Weather Channel, auction off the annual Groundhog Commemorative knife, then conclude with door prizes (I won the groundhog centerpiece!).

Thanks to both a VIP and parking pass to the Inner Circle at Gobbler's Knob where the festivities are held, (both of which I obtained because my ride and tour guide, senior Jay Lundy, is kin to an Inner Circle Member. His father is the "Fair Weatherman.") we didn't have to take part in the many-mile hike or shuttle ride to "the Knob." Therefore, we showed up just as the fireworks were going off around 6:30 a.m.

The chanting begins on Groundhog Day morn before Phil comes out to give the news. The crowd is asked to raise their arms in the air and to yell "All Hail Groundhog Supremacy." At this point, I overheard a college student next to me say, "Now, this is just getting cheesy."

Sure, a town whose largest tourism is because of a groundhog is most certainly going to be cheesy. Other cultures probably find many of our holiday traditions to be "cheesy." And that's what Groundhog Day is to Punxsutawnians and followers of Phil from around the world-it's a holiday.

In Punxsutawney, schools close and businesses open late. Many a pancake breakfast is served after Phil's declaration. Wooden groundhogs line the streets. They even had an Absolut Vodka poster, in the company's usual style, that read "Absolut Punxsutawney " and the shadow of the bottle is in the shape of a groundhog.

Higher learning and love: professor couples on campus

Photo by Aly Karg

Benita and Michael Muth with son, Adam.

By Dee Natale
STAFF WRITER

Bullfrogs in a box and car windows smeared with shaving cream may not sound romantic, but those images are among the wedding day memories of a select group on campus.

The group consists of married couples who are employed by the college. According to Suzanne Barner, 15 couples currently fit this description.

"I was surprised we had that many married couples working here," Barner said. "Of course, my husband, David, and I fit the profile."

Barner met her husband, Dr. David Barner, while she was an LLP student in his speech class. A gift certificate to Rachel's Roadhouse set the stage for their friendship.

"Bill Birkhead, vice president of finance, offered the gift certificate as a prize for guessing the score of the Clarion vs. Westminster football game," Barner said. "I won...we went to dinner and had a great time."

Although they did not date until after the class was over, Barner says her husband is very thankful to Birkhead.

Carolyn Cuff met her husband, Tim, on campus while interviewing for a scholarship.

"We got to know each other by passing notes in our first semester calculus course," Cuff said. "We shared some volunteer activities and fell in love when he was Jimmy Carter's campaign manager during the mock convention and needed help."

Cuff added they used the campaign poster, which was made with sheets, as drop cloths for painting every time they moved.

Darwin and Sarah Huey had mutual friends, but never had a conversation until the day he called for a date. It was a call she almost missed. She had just finished her last day of student teaching during her senior year.

"Exhausted, I had gone to bed at 7:30 and was awakened by (Darwin's) phone call about 9 o'clock," Sarah said "Any couple whose first date is to see the play, 'Romeo and Juliet' is bound to get married."

Mandy Medvin decided, at age 30, to settle down after reading a newspaper article about a shortage of eligible males.

"I went to a contra dance (a form of old English dancing) with a list of the three top characteristics I was looking for in a guy," Medvin said. "The first person I asked to dance, Tim Taylor, became my husband a year and a half later."

A romantic setting brought Dr. David Swerdlow and wife, Milagros together. The wedding of his brother to her sister took place in Peru and was the first time they saw each other.

"Though Milagros didn't speak English and I didn't speak Spanish at the time, we managed to get along...some how," Swerdlow said. "Two years later, we became engaged on a beach in Peru as the Pacific washed over our feet. Too bad I still had my shoes on."

Benita Muth and husband Mike met at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. They sang in the chorus of "The Mikado" together. Their wedding day turned out to be a bit soggy.

"Our car was decorated with so much shaving cream that we couldn't see to drive," Muth said. "When we stopped to wash it off, we forgot to roll up the windows and drenched the inside of the car."

A different dilemma involving a car faced the Hueys. They were so concerned about the wedding party getting to the reception, they forgot to plan their own transportation.

"At one point, Darwin and I realized that we were alone at the church, with no car," Huey said. "Eventually, we were missed and a friend drove back to the church to retrieve us."

D. Scott Renninger and wife Phyllis shared a most unusual wedding gift.

"When opening our gifts, a couple of friends had gone frog hunting and caught 6 huge bullfrogs," Renninger said. "When Phyllis opened the box, there they were staring at her."

The couples agree the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages of working together. Several stated there were no disadvantages to the arrangement.

Photo by Aly Karg

Scott and Phyllis Renninger.

"We both know each other's jobs and appreciate the time that goes into our work," said Cindy Dafler. "Jim (Dafler) has driven a golf cart for me to help out during commencement and I've helped him plan athletic social events."

Jesse Mann finds students have two misconceptions about his relationship with his wife, Vickie.

"It's always fun when students are surprised that we are married," Mann said. "People think we talk about work at home, but we don't."

The Barners, married three years, are the newlyweds of the group. The Renningers surpassed all other couples with their marriage of 32 years.

"Phyllis isn't only my wife/roommate, but also my best friend and the center of my life," Renninger said.

CAMPUS COUPLES DIRECTORY

Married couples employed by the college and interviewed for this article include:

David Barner, chair of communication studies, theatre and art and Suzanne Barner, payroll coordinator

Timothy Cuff, visiting assistant professor of history and Carolyn Cuff, associate professor of math.

Jim Dafler, director of athletics and Cindy Dafler, coordinator of development and alumni events

Darwin Huey, associate professor and chair of the education department and Sarah Huey, learning center faculty

Jesse Mann, associate dean and chair of the modern languages department and Vickie Mann, music department faculty

David Swerdlow, associate professor of English and Milagros Swerdlow, lecturer, modern languages

Tom Taylor, development officer and Mandy Medvin, associate professor of psychology

Mike Muth, instructor of philosophy and Benita Muth, visiting assistant professor of English

Scott Renninger, associate professor and chair of the physical education department and Phyllis Renninger, clerk in the bulk mailroom

Unavailable for interview:

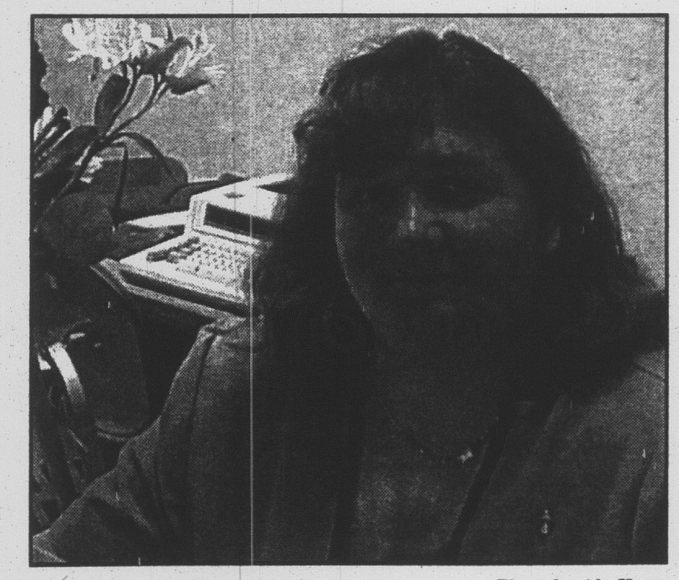
John Gerber, boiler room mechanic and Cheryl Gerber, assistant director of financial aid

John Robertson, assistant professor of biology and Carla Bluhm, assistant professor of psychology

Ronald Webster, network tech specialist and Sandra Webster, professor of psychology

Tim Wooster, associate professor and chair of the chemistry department and Elizabeth Wooster, faculty, music department.

New political science secretary Debbie Sanchez appointed



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Political science secretary Debbie Sanchez.

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

The political science and sociology department has a new secretary.

Debbie Sanchez was chosen to replace resigning secretary Sue Rutherford. Her appointment took effect Jan. 15.

"I've always wanted to work at Westminster. I'm still learning the daily routine, but everybody has been very nice so far. I like it a lot," Sanchez said.

Sanchez's duties as secretary are numerous.

"The secretary basically runs the department," Department Chair Gary Lilly said. Two of Sanchez's major duties include handling all department paperwork and organizing the department's work-study program.

"We are delighted to have Debbie here working for us. She is doing a fantastic job and I am certain she will be a valuable asset to the department," Lilly said.

Sanchez is no stranger to the stress of secretarial work. She served as secretary to the history department at Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia while enrolled as a student.

"At the college, I was responsible for typing letters and reporting about the history of the college. It was basic secretarial work," Sanchez said.

Sanchez has continued her work in the secretarial field to this day. In addition to working at Westminster; she is a secretary at the Shenango Home two nights per week. She is a local coordinator for the Council of International Education Exchanges. Her duties there include finding host families for exchange students and supervising the students while they are here.

Sanchez's interest in foreign culture doesn't end with the council. She is fluent in Spanish and spent ten years in Venezuela with her husband, Cesareo. She also wrote a bilingual children's book "And My Mother Cried" which she hopes to have published.

"My experiences abroad and with the council have taught me that-people are basically the same no matter where you go. We may speak different languages, but deep down, we're all the same," Sanchez said.

Debbie and her husband live in New Wilmington. They have three children; Melissa is in ninth grade at Wilmington Area High School, Karina is a first-grader at New Wilmington Elementary School, and their son Alex is a junior at Allegheny College.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOSTENS RING EVENT "The Diploma You Can Wear" Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 12 and 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the TUB.

TUESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP Feb. 13 at 7 a.m. in Lindley Dining Hall will be led this week by Joe Hopkins.

FACULTY FORUM for Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 11:30 a.m. in Orr Auditorium will feature Nancy DeSalvo and Tad Greig with Rhapsody in Blue.

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THE INTERNATIONAL ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION will offer its student internship program in various locations during the summer 2001. For more information visit their website at www.iaaglobal.org or contact the secretary at (212) 557-1133.

THE STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION INC. has paid conservation internships available throughout the year. For information and consideration, contact Geoff Carter (Director of Recruiting) at (603) 543-1700 in Charlestown, NH. Or visit their website at www.sca inc.org.

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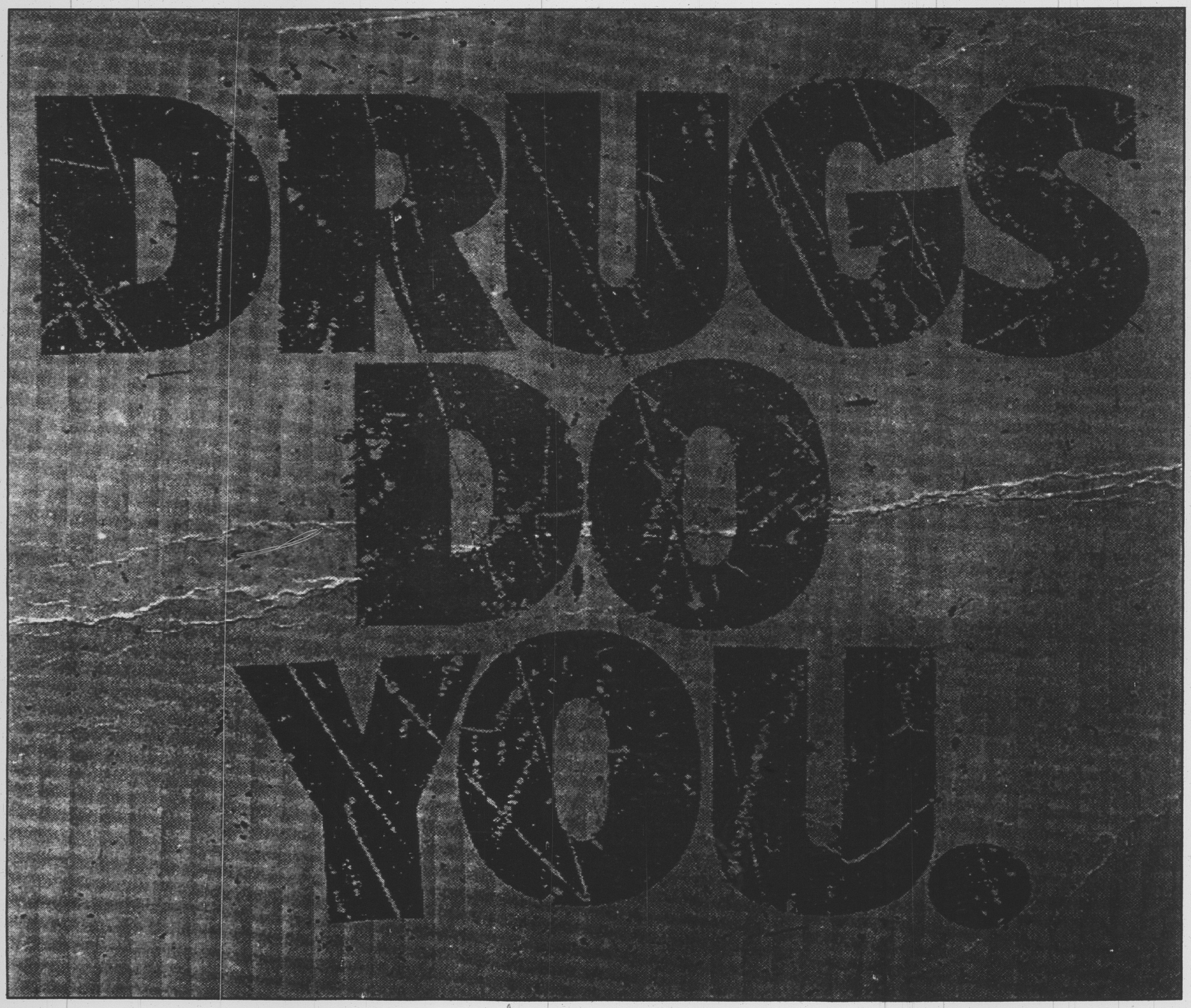

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 9
Last Day to Drop a Class ($15 fee)
Lunch and Dinnertime Newman Club Carnation Sale - Duff Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under
TBA PCMEA Variety Show - Orr Auditorium

SATURDAY 10
1:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Waynesburg (H)
3:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Waynesburg (H)
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Robyn Zellers — Chapel
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
8:00 p.m. Chapel Staff Service Team Presents: Valentino - Down Under

SUNDAY 11
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Vespers
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 12
LAST DAY FOR AN 80% REFUND
SGA Officers Slates Due
Phi Mu History Week
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Josten Ring Day — TUB Grille
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
7:00 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Medaille
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230

TUESDAY 13
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Information re Study Abroad: Representative on Campus — TUB Grille
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Josten Ring Day — TUB Grille
11:15 a.m. Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting — TUB A/B
Noon Campus Club Valentine Luncheon - Russell Hall Dining Room
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
6:30 p.m. Hosanna Industries Recruiter Presentation — TUB Lounge
7:00 p.m. Off-Campus Housing Lottery - TUB A/B
7:00 p.m. Multicultural Affairs Event: Kuntu Repertory Theatre — Chapel
7:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal — Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Rush Party
SGA Officer Candidates Debate

WEDNESDAY 14
VALENTINE'S DAY
SGA Election Primaries
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum - TUB A/B
4:00 p.m. Newman Club Carnation Delivery
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Career Center Resume Workshop — TUB A/B
6:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. W & J (H)
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
7:00 p.m. SGA Debate - TUB Lounge
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TUB A/B
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Rush Party - Location TBA
8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. W & J (H)
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - CFH 111
9:30 p.m. Seekers - Down Under

THURSDAY 15
Submit RA Applications to Student Affairs Office by 4:30 pm Today
SGA Election Primaries
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 pm Career Center Resume Workshop — TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
6:00 p.m. Career Center Presentation: Dietrich Recruiter — TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
Swimming @ PAC Invitational (Grove City College)
3:00 p.m. Faculty Organ Recital: Beth Harrison — Orr Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
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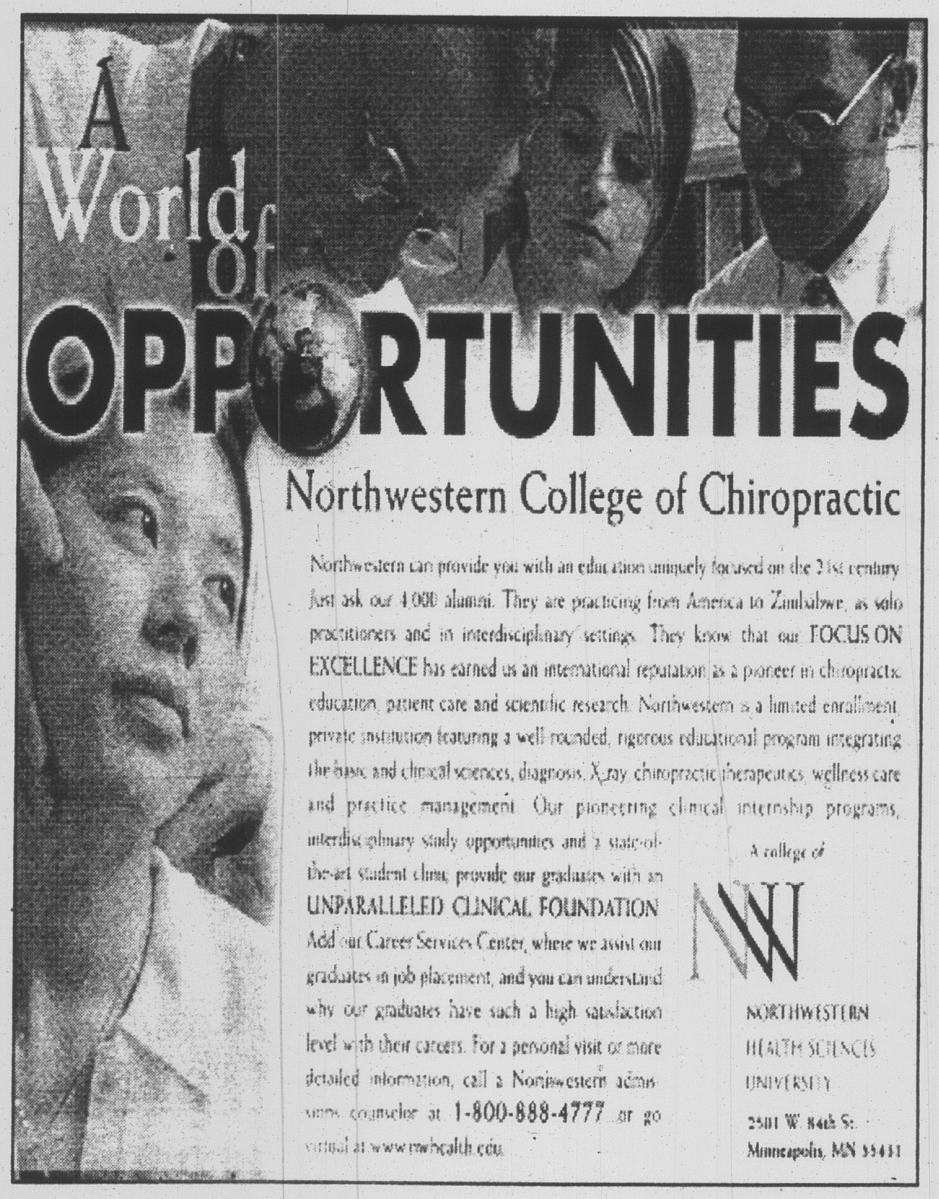

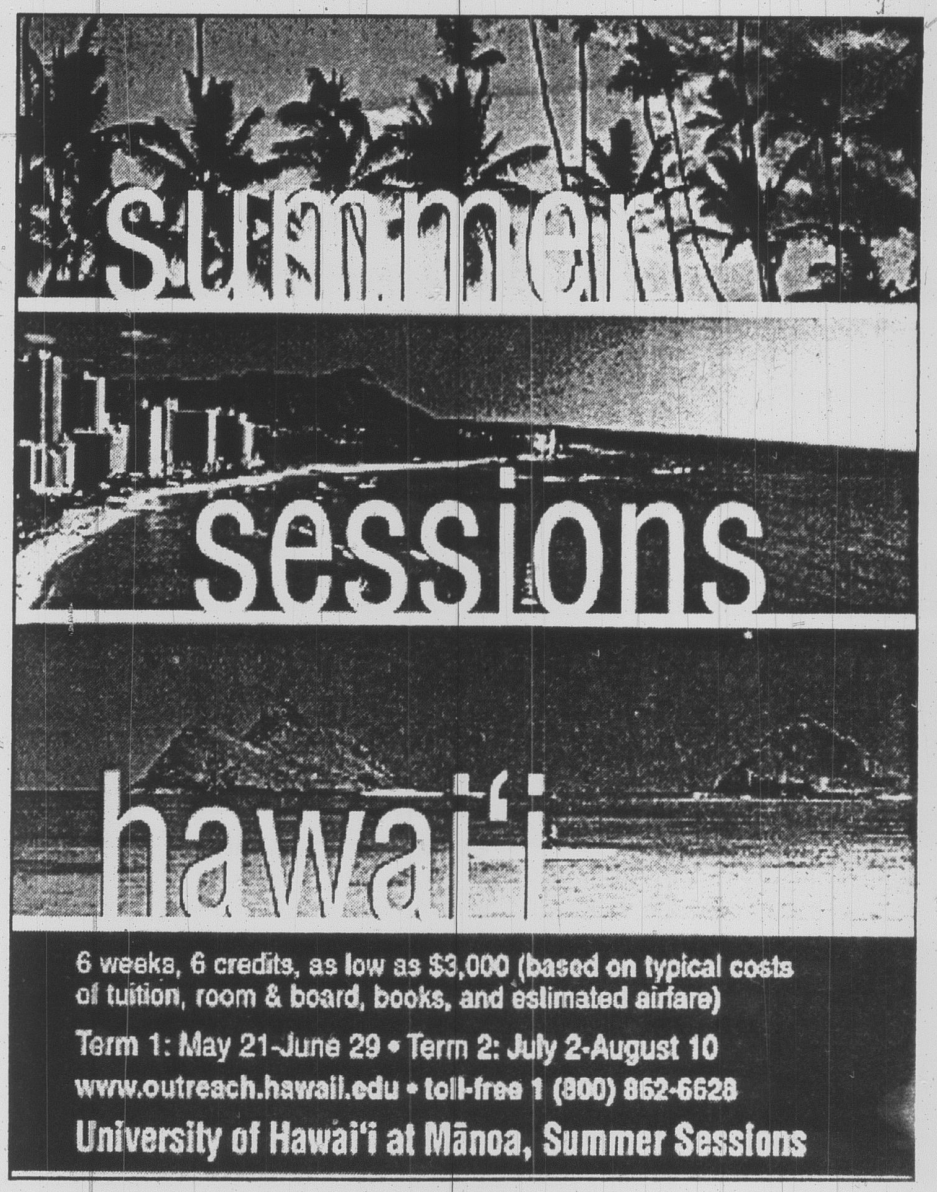

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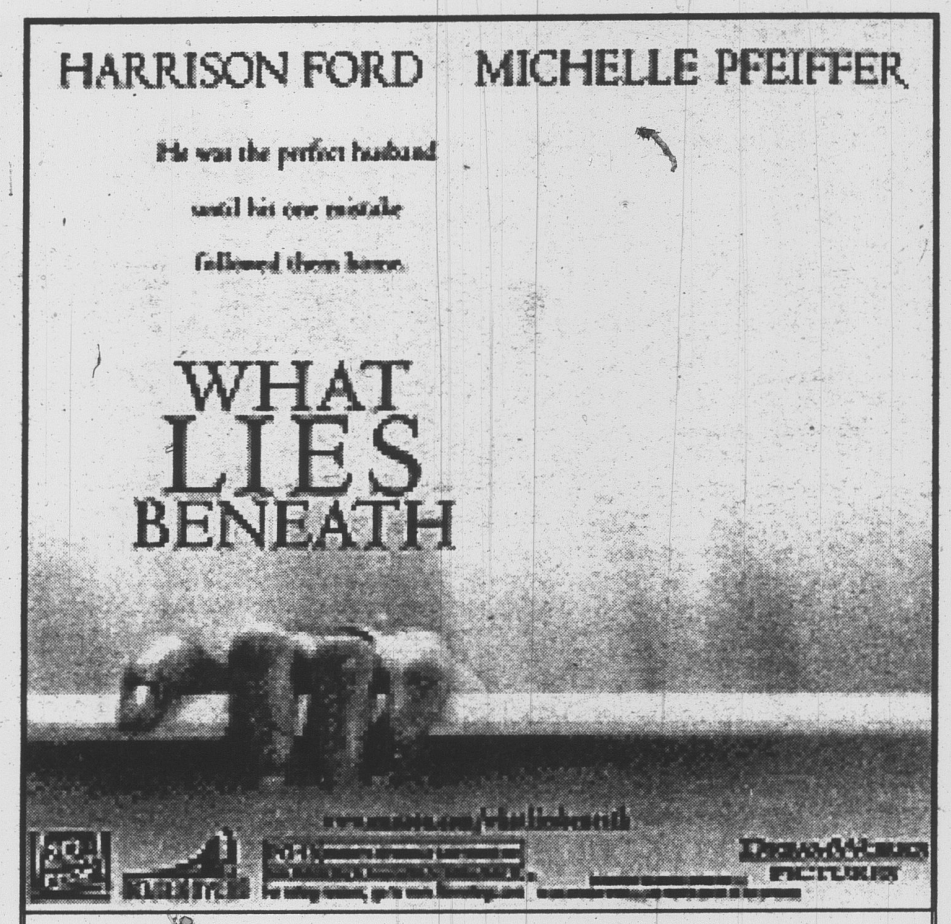

Showing:
Friday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.
and
Sunday, February 11 at 9:00 p.m.

JT's Cafe

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts — you provide the chatting!

Baked goods will be available with the cappuccino. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, February 9 from 10:00 p.m. til 2:00 a.m.

Visit the CPC Home Page at www.westminster.edu/Student/Orgs/CPC/CPC.html

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Vandalism shows lack of respect

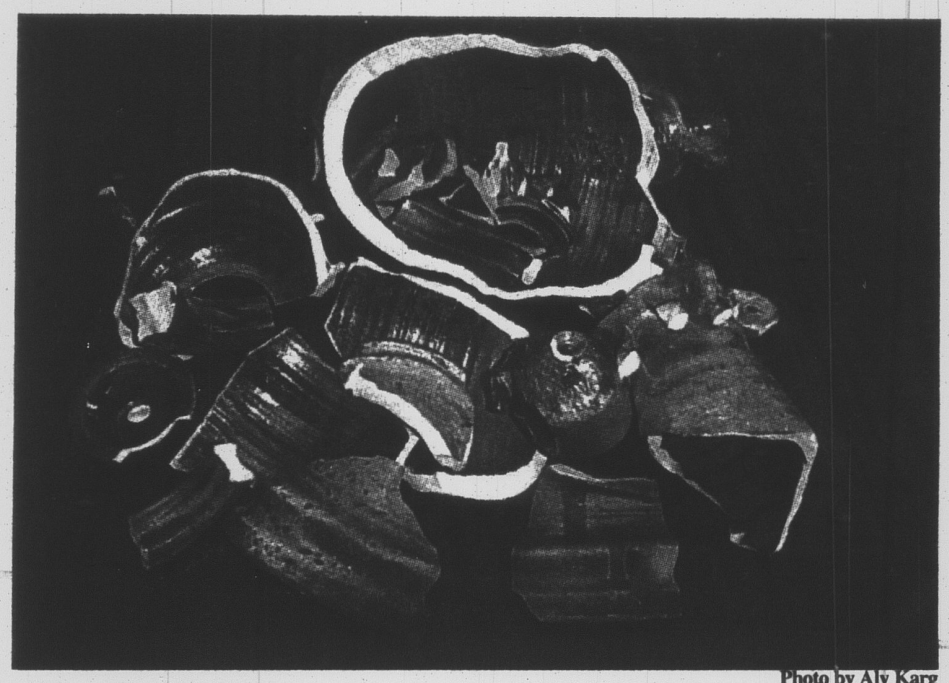

Photo by Aly Karg

A piece of Herb Weaver's artwork was damaged in the gallery on Girls' Pick-Up Day.

By Jody Miron
STAFF WRITER

A teapot belonging to Herb Weaver, head of the department of fine arts at Bethany College, was destroyed Feb. 27 while on display in the Art Gallery.

Security was called to the scene at approximately 11:15 a.m. after someone noticed the damaged art, said Dean of Safety and Security John Lechner.

Many students were at the scene when the incident occurred but no one is certain who is responsible and if the incident was vandalism.

Many students were present to participate in sorority pickup, which was held in Orr Auditorium beside the Art Gallery.

"I think it was amazingly disrespectful and I feel bad for anyone who must explain to the artist what happened," senior art and English major Diane Stead said.

Security is investigating the incident to determine whether the damages were accidental or intentional.

If the damages were a result of vandalism, the student(s) responsible would go through the campus disciplinary system. The punishment of vandalism could be a fine and warning with the possibility of community service, Lechner said.

The business office is in the process of reimbursing the artist for the damages, said Lechner.

"When something of this nature occurs, I get a report from Peggy Cox, director of the art department, concerning the artist and the estimated value of the work," said Business Manager Don Shelenberger. "The report is then submitted to the insurer and the artist is reimbursed."

"In this case, the artist's work has been estimated at $50," Shelenberger said.

Because of this incident specific students are responsible for checking the art displays daily to ensure that no work has been damaged or stolen, Cox said.

"Something like this happens on occasion but it is not a common occurrence on campus," Lechner said. "On average, about two or three pieces of work a year are reported either damaged or stolen."

"Whenever anything happens on campus that is illegal or destructive, students should get involved."

Hoyt currently poses no threat to safety

By Megan Elias
STAFF WRITER

Early last semester the campus was informed of a structural problem in Hoyt. Students and faculty were also informed that this problem posed no danger.

Now, nearly five months later, students are hearing the same story. While the problems in Hoyt have not disappeared, the building is not considered a safety hazard.

The ground on which the building stands has been shifting, causing the structural problems. The slab under the building, when exposed to heat and water vapor, expands. This has caused some cracking of some concrete walls in the stairwell of the building. While the original architect and engineers have not been contacted, several experts, structural engineers and contractors have concluded through tests that there is no safety problem. Survey teams come to do monthly tests of eighteen points under the building. The readings indicate that the slab hasn't made any visible movement.

Since the initial word that the building was not a safety hazard, there have been mixed feelings of what should be done about the situation. Owen Wagner, Physical Plant Director, has made multiple presentations explaining the situation to the occupants of Hoyt.

"There is nothing to worry about. When people are in Hoyt, they have no reason not to feel secure," Wagner said.

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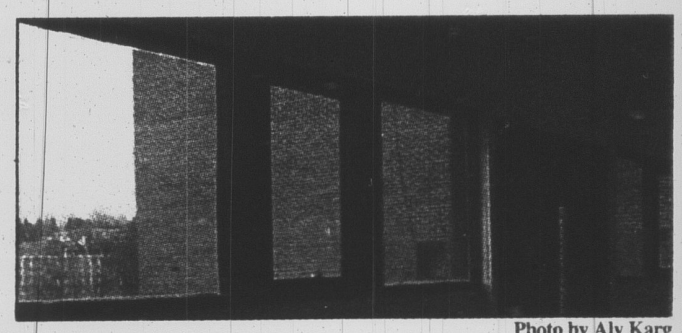

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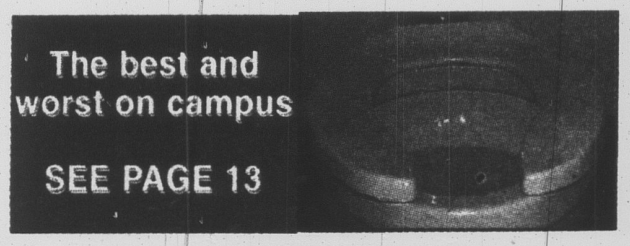
Some windows in Hoyt were covered with plexiglass when the glass started to bend last fall.



Weather

Friday: Showers high 45° low 27°

Saturday: M. Cloudy high 36° low 15°

Sunday: P. Cloudy high 38° low 22°

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Plastic cups in TUB to encourage student recycling

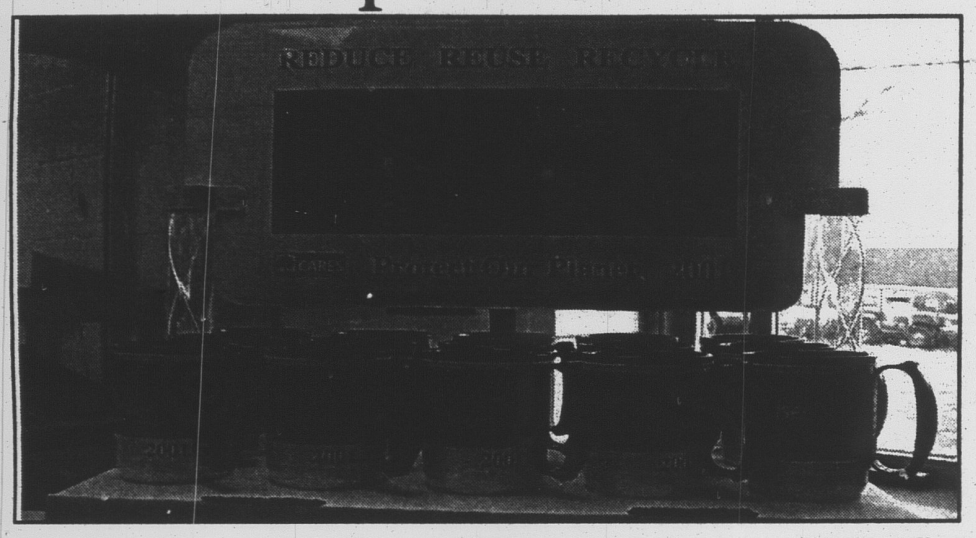

Photo by Aly Karg

Reusable cups are available in the TUB for $2.79 or $2.99.

By Megan Clark
STAFF WRITER

If you have bought coffee at the TUB Grille lately, you may have noticed the new Sodexo Marriott refillable coffee mugs.

Featuring sayings such as "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" and "Conserve Today, Save Tomorrow," these mugs offer an economically and environmentally wise alternative to Styrofoam.

The mugs, which are available in a 22 ounce or 16 ounce size, cost $2.99 and $2.79 respectively, and cost just $.50 to refill with coffee or cappuccino. Compare that with the $.90 you pay for a 12 ounce Styrofoam cup, and the savings are apparent.

"The point of the mugs is to cut down on the amount of Styrofoam being thrown away each day," sophomore TUB worker Caryn Nicholson said. " We are constantly putting out more cups."

Sodexo Marriott also will make a donation for each mug sold to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of natural resources. These donations will be used for educational programs.

While the mugs are practical, unfortunately not many have yet been sold. According to Pat Salmen, a TUB employee, the mugs sold out when they were offered two years ago.

"I don't understand why more people aren't buying them," Salmen said.

So, if you are a habitual coffee drinker, buy a refillable mug at the TUB Grille, and help eliminate excess garbage while saving yourself some change.

Titan Traverse headed to Okefenokee for spring break trip

By Mike Power
STAFF WRITER

With spring break just around the corner, many of Westminster's students are making plans to enjoy the week of vacation away from the campus community. Among the students who are looking for something different to do, are the members of Titan Traverse, who have planned a trip to warm and sunny Georgia to enjoy the week long vacation.

The week of festivities will begin with a canoeing and camping trip through the scenic Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. The members of the group will canoe into the refuge and camp out in tents along the shores of the swamp. Founder of the Titan Traverse, Steve Montgomery, explains that in past years the group members have enjoyed this trip and have experienced many forms of wildlife such as alligators during their canoeing adventures.

After the few day trips in the Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge, the students will canoe out from the Georgia mainland to Cumberland Island, to camp and live out the rest of the week. Some of the activities planned for the island involve hiking, lounging on the beaches and campfires to relax to at night. Montgomery explains that some of the activities will revolve around targeting issues that are critical to everyday activities of our society.

The trip will involve 15 people from the campus community. Montgomery and three student volunteers who have gone on the trip in previous years will lead the group.

"I look forward to bonding with 15 people in a beautiful setting," said junior volunteer Allison McCormick.

Founded by Montgomery, the Titan Traverse has been an established part of the campus community since 1997. "The goal of the Titan Traverse is to invite students to live in a different community or service at Westminster, to get to know students for who they are, at a personal level," said Montgomery.

The cost of the entire trip, transportation, food and equipment, is $400. The deadline for applications is on a rolling basis until all of the spots are filled. If at all interested, Montgomery can be reached at EXT 7214.

The Titan Traverse trip to Georgia promises to be an enjoyable way for Westminster students to spend their spring break and meet people of the Westminster community. Through his past experiences, Montgomery will lead students to a fun and informative week-long vacation.

Black Student Union demands more attention to MLK day

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Westminster College celebrated Black history month this week with its Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity Symposium.

However, minority students aren't happy with the school's efforts.

The college planned several events for Tuesday, Feb. 13 to honor the Reverend Martin Luther King and Black History Month. Videos of King's two most famous speeches were played continuously throughout the day, followed by group discussions. An African-American style dinner was served in both dining halls, accompanied by the talents of the WC Gospel Choir.

Also, Pittsburgh's Kuntu Repertory Theatre performed "The Meeting" in the Chapel, about a would-be meeting between Dr. King and Malcolm X.

Black Student Union president Joe Stamper said that his members made no plans to participate in the event.

"When this institution adequately facilitates minorities, then efforts will be made by my organization to help the campus celebrate," Stamper said.

AP File Photo

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was honored by a Diversity Symposium for Black History Month.

Just two years ago, black students protested by organizing a boycott of classes after repeatedly asking the administration not to hold classes on Martin Luther King Day. This year's spring semester began after the observed national holiday.

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Wagner does feel, however, that minor changes will need to be made. On Friday, Feb. 9, he made a presentation to the President's staff. The presentation was a proposal that suggested that while Hoyt has not been found unsafe, there is some work to be done. If accepted, the proposal could mean putting Hoyt under some construction. For example, they may tear down the exterior walls and replace them as well as the windows. If this action is taken, it will not affect current classes in the building. The work would be done over the summer.

Students seem to have a supportive and positive attitude toward this situation.

"As long as we're updated and told that the building is safe, there is no reason that it shouldn't be used," junior Leanne Walley said. "However, they should make plans to fix the current problems to prevent them from getting worse."

If any changes will be made to the current situation Wagner will update the campus through further emails and presentations.

Hoyt, named in honor of Alex Crawford Hoyt, was first dedicated in 1974. The second section of the building opened in 1985. Hoyt is home to the JS Mack Science library, information systems division of Academic Affairs, Philips Lecture Hall, the campus' planetarium, observatory and electron microscope suite. There is also a preschool facility, classrooms, laboratories and offices. The Biology, Chemistry, Mathematic and Computer Science, Physics and Psychology Departments are all located in Hoyt.

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Sleds replace cafeteria trays for sledriders' enjoyment

By Robin Frost
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps many students are not aware that each residence hall on campus has sleds that are available for student use.

Student Affairs recently purchased the sleds from Wal-Mart and donated two to each residence hall.

Camille Hawthorne, Dean of Student Affairs, thought that making sleds available to students would give them more fun things to do on campus.

"We hope the students will like it too," Hawthorne said.

Many students like to sled down Hillside Hill in the winter months. What did they use before the sleds were provided? Cafeteria trays, recycling bins, and anything else they could find that would get them down the hill.

Seniors Meredith McCaskey and Jennifer Dlugos like to go sledding here.

"I have gone a few times this year and it is such a blast!" McCaskey said.

Dlugos agreed and added that the new sleds are a good idea.

"Cafeteria trays work, but definitely not as well as real sleds," Dlugos said.

The sleds that were purchased hold up to 150 pounds. Hawthorne said that if enough interest is shown in using them, Student Affairs would look into getting more sleds.

In addition to the sleds that are now available, there are also cross-country skis available for student use at the Ferguson Hall desk.

The skis were purchased several years ago by Student Affairs and have always been available for student use, but are now kept in a new location.

Before being moved to Ferguson Hall, the skis were stored in the boathouse down by the Field House.

Hawthorne feels that their location made it less convenient for student access.

So how do students go about using the sleds and skis?

Students bring their college IDs to their residence hall desk, then they can take the sleds or ski equipment. They get their IDs back when they return the equipment.

This does not mean that only the residents of Ferguson can use the skis. Anyone can use them; they just have to pick them up at Ferguson.

Brandy Hare, Resident Director (RD) of Ferguson Hall, feels that Ferguson is a good place to store the skis.

"They're more accessible to students here than they would be anywhere else on campus," Hare said.

The sleds and skis can be used any time there is a desk sitter. At most residence halls, desks are open Monday-Friday from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. and 7 p.m.-midnight; Saturday from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. and on Sunday from 6 p.m.-midnight.

However, students can make arrangements with their RDs to use the equipment when the desk is not open, if those arrangements are made ahead of time.

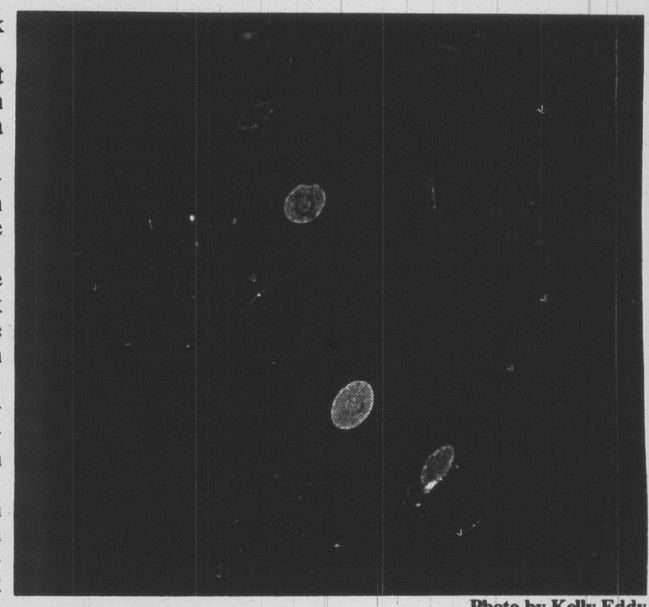


Photo by Kelly Eddy
Two sleds sit on Shaw porch waiting for some snow and a couple of riders.

"Who am I?" hall promotes self-awareness

By Daesha Falcione
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes we all need to ask ourselves the question, "Who am I?" The answer to this question is sometimes difficult to find. However, with the help of the new theme floor in Galbreath, it may be easier to discover.

"This floor will help the women to get to know each other better," said sophomore Rebecca Marquette, who will be the Residence Assistant (RA) for the theme hall next year.

The theme, Mirrors, according to Marquette, took a long time to come up with.

"It represents the idea of looking honestly at ourselves and reflecting who we are to one another and seeing other people for who they are," Marquette said.

The floor will deal with issues faced both on and off campus to help the women better understand who they are and how they want to be portrayed.

There are several potential goals, objectives and activities planned for this hall also. Some of the goals are to think critically of the world around us, to understand the importance of relationships and to gain a deeper and true knowledge of self and others.

Residents will also attend labs in addition to striving for the goals and objectives. For example, Marquette and Residence Director (RD) Kathleen Kyle will try to conduct a listening lab with guest lecturers.

Activities planned for the hall include movies and discussions, books, volunteer service, recreation and trips.

"It will be a learning hall," Marquette said, "(The learning) depends on the residents and their willingness."

The location of the Mirrors hall depends on how many women apply to live on it.

"I am really excited," Marquette said, "It will be a good experience for myself and for the residents."

Women who missed the informational meeting but are interested living on the hall can still apply.

Jubilee Christian conference to be held soon

By Joy Kelewae
STAFF WRITER

Jubilee is a conference held at the Pittsburgh Hilton every year. Sponsored by the Coalition for Christian Outreach, Jubilee aims to help college students keep their faith within their majors and later in their careers. This year the dates of the conference are Feb. 23-25.

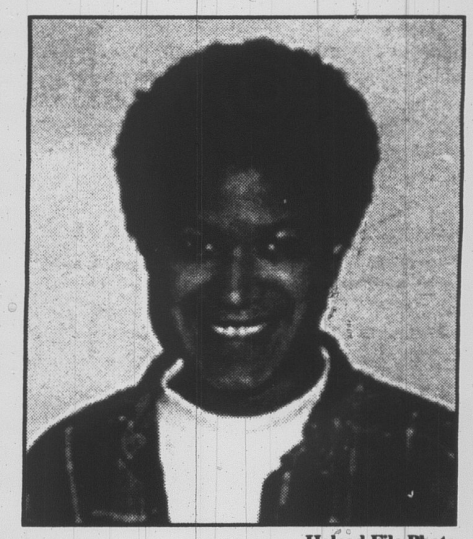
"The purpose of the conference is to help students integrate Christianity with their majors," junior Scott Hauser said. He also said that Westminster has sent 80 students to this conference in the past, but this year the goal is 100. Students interested in attending Jubilee should contact Hauser, Chapel Assistant Keturah Laney or Galbreath RD Kathleen Kyle.

The conference consists of specialized talks for different majors, including art, sociology, medicine, education, politics, technology, communication, literature, science and business. At each of these they discuss what it means to be a Christian in the field and how to do your job and not lose your religion, and faith.

The keynote speaker for the event is Tony Campolo, Professor Emeritus at Eastern College. He is also the founder of Tony Campolo Ministries/Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He has been featured on television programs like Nightline, Crossfire, Politically Incorrect, and CNN News. He has written 28 books on the subject of religion, and is an ordained minister.

A concert by Bill Mallonee and Vigilantes of Love will be performed on Friday evening. The band is a folk rock band and has received critical acclaim.

Laney will speak at the conference about Racial Reconciliation and living as one through God.



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Keturah Laney will speak at Jubilee.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

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Fans gather to watch Three Rivers Stadium implode

By Tom Barnes
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

Sixteen blasts of dynamite, a cloud of dust, and a hearty cry of "So long, Three Rivers Stadium!"

A crowd estimated at 20,000 in Point State Park, 3,000 to 4,000 on Mount Washington and untold others in Downtown skyscrapers and elsewhere endured the 21-degree temperature to gape in awe and bid adieu to the concrete bowl that had witnessed so many highs and lows in Pittsburgh sports since opening in July 1970.

At 7:58 a.m. Elizabeth King of Mount Washington and her 16-year-old son, Joseph, nervously approached a table in a parking lot about 100 yards from the doomed stadium. On the table was an old-fashioned dynamite plunger.

"Ten-nine-eight-seven...," chanted the surrounding crowd.

Mother and son, both with hands on the ceremonial plunger, pushed it down at 7:59 a.m. At the same time and at a different location, just north of the new Steelers stadium, master blaster Mark Loizeaux of Controlled Demolition Inc. pressed a small button, which was hooked up to the real juice.

Power surged through detonating cord connected to more than 4,800 pounds of dynamite in 2,500 spots in gutted-out Three Rivers Stadium.

POW-POW-POW-POW! Sixteen explosions rang out. For two seconds, nothing happened.

Then the concrete ring came crashing down, sending a huge dust cloud toward Point State Park.

"My heart was racing, but it was fun," said Joseph King. "After the dust clears, Three Rivers will be nothing but a memory."

"I'm still shaking," said a smiling Elizabeth, who'd won a raffle to push the plunger. "You look over there and it's gone — just amazing."

"It's a remarkable day, in many ways bittersweet," said Mayor Tom Murphy.

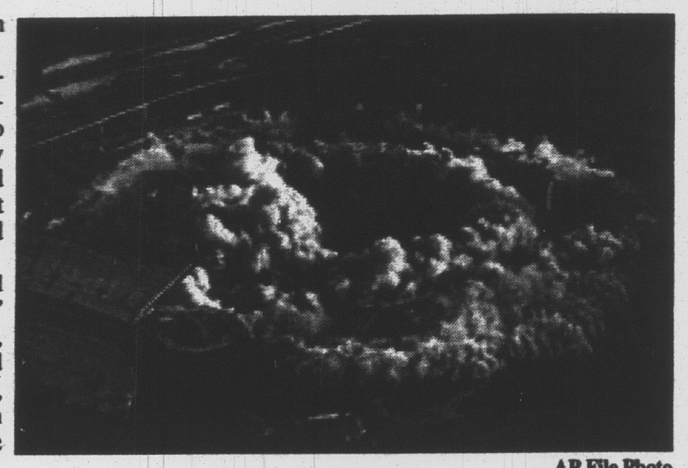
Loizeaux, Controlled Demolition president, and his brother, Vice President Doug Loizeaux, look for a "clean" implosion when they "drop" a building. They got what they were looking for yesterday. Doug pronounced it "perfect."

His biggest concern was damage to the new Steelers stadium, 80 feet from Three Rivers at its closest point. But the old stadium dropped almost straight down. Debris got no closer than about 40 feet to the new stadium, Doug Loizeaux said.

State transportation officials said there was no damage to the Fort Duquesne Bridge or its ramps, which reopened in just 15 minutes.

Seismographs recorded a little ground vibration, but not enough to crack windows in nearby buildings. The dust cloud floated south, over Point State Park, and dissipated in about 10 minutes.

"Looks like I cheated death once again," quipped Doug Loizeaux, whose firm has imploded hundreds of buildings, including several in Pittsburgh and the Seattle Kingdome last year.



AP File Photo
Three Rivers Stadium goes out in a cloud of dust.

Now begins the less glamorous — but just as crucial — task of clearing away the tons of concrete and steel to make way for a new system of roadways and parking lots.

A few hours after the blast, Bianchi Trison Corp., the general demolition contractor, began cutting up steel girders from Three Rivers' upper level, which now rests atop a pile of crushed concrete.

About 6,000 tons of structural steel, plus another 4,000 tons of steel reinforcing bars, are in the rubble, said Sports & Exhibition Authority spokesman Greg Yesko.

There also are 160,000 to180,000 tons of concrete to be cleared. Bianchi Trison will take most of it to two landfills in Ohio, and use some of the rest as fill for temporary parking between the two new stadiums and to level low areas along the riverbank as Roberto Clemente Memorial Park is expanded.

Penn State University official charged for stealing funds

By Tom Gibb
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

A longtime Penn State University official was charged yesterday as the ringleader of a group that swindled the school of $367,000 over 12 years, much of it for work never performed, authorities said.

John C. Marshall of State College — fired from the university two weeks ago at the end of a two-month police investigation — lined up accomplices to bilk Penn State and then split the proceeds with them, school spokesman Steve MacCarthy said last night.

University police also charged:

John Szalanski, 61, of Vandergrift, a self-described educational consultant who did legitimate work for Penn State and, by his own account, became a victim of a scheme he was barely aware of.

Richard Butterfield, an Atlanta real estate agent who graduated from Penn State in 1961, a year ahead of Marshall.

Michael Young, of Lancaster, described by Penn State as an acquaintance of Marshall's.

In addition, Penn State police think that a York man, whom they did not identify, also had a role in the swindle.

Marshall, a 1962 Penn State graduate and 34-year employee, was director of outreach operations in the university's continuing education department, a job that had him developing programs for students, many of whom took their schooling by mail or computer.

"Mr. Marshall was, from what I heard ... very well-liked and respected in the university," MacCarthy said. "The people who heard about this were shocked."

Penn State police charged all four men with theft by deception, conspiracy to commit theft by deception and receiving stolen property. In addition, Marshall was charged with attempted theft by deception.

Marshall, arraigned yesterday, could not be reached for comment last night.

To date, Penn State has recovered $45,000, money that Marshall hadn't yet spent, MacCarthy said. In a statement released by Penn State, university Treasurer Gary Schultz said the school intends to get the rest back, "from all available assets of Mr. Marshall and the other co-conspirators."

According to Penn State, what was first discovered last November as a quirk in a payment request grew into an investigation that showed Marshall and the others billing the school for work they never performed, a scheme that started on a small scale and grew in scope in recent years.

About $18,000 of the embezzlement was inflated billing for travel expenses or billing for travel and lodging expenses that were never run up.

Penn State thought it was paying the costs Marshall incurred in putting together educational programs, MacCarthy said.

"But he would authorize payment to [the other three men] for services they didn't provide and then split the proceeds," MacCarthy said.

The men charged as Marshall's accomplices didn't know each other; their common link was Marshall, MacCarthy said.

Young could not be reached for comment last night. Butterfield refused comment.

Szalanski insisted he did nothing wrong, putting the blame on Marshall.

"He just did it. He submitted invoices that I wasn't aware of," Szalanski said. "I've been legitimate all my life. This is tough on me."

Allegheny County Community College to aid computer students

By Ervin Dyer
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

Community College of Allegheny County has come to the rescue of 88 students shut out of classes when the Computer Learning Center filed for bankruptcy and closed its doors last month.

In its monthly board meeting yesterday, CCAC officials revealed that they have waived spring semester tuition for the displaced computer students.

It also will offer late-start classes beginning Feb. 27 to accommodate the students, the bulk of whom will attend the college's Boyce Campus, which is in Monroeville, down the road from the learning center.

CCAC-Boyce began meeting with 150 former Computer Learning Center students last week to discover what course work they've completed and what they still need. CCAC then designed several new courses — in programming, networking and Web authoring — to serve those students.

"This is a personal tragedy for the students and their families," said CCAC President Roy Flores.

"They are victims of bad decisions made by others and by circumstances beyond their control. These are our neighbors and we will do everything in our power to help them."

The students will also have access to Carnegie Technology Education Inc., a nonprofit subsidiary of Carnegie Mellon University that allows CCAC students to earn college credits and get access to Carnegie Mellon's Web-based, information technology courses.

The college got some assistance from Sallie Mae, a federal program that provides guaranteed student loans. The program will pay for textbooks that the former learning center students must purchase for the spring sessions at CCAC. Also, students with private loans owned by Sallie Mae and serviced by Sallie Mae's affiliate, SLM Financial, will be eligible for a 60-day, interest-free deferment.

Yesterday, CCAC also announced it has established a free program for students who have earned their General Educational Development certificates, or GEDs, to finish high school.

For 90 days after receiving the certificates, students will have the opportunity to enroll for one free three-credit class at the community college. CCAC was unable to provide information on how many students on its campuses are GED recipients, but there were 1,487 students who passed the test in Allegheny County last year.

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NEAR spacecraft is first in history to land on asteroid

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP) - The NEAR spacecraft touched down on the barren, rocky surface of Eros, successfully completing history's first landing on an asteroid.

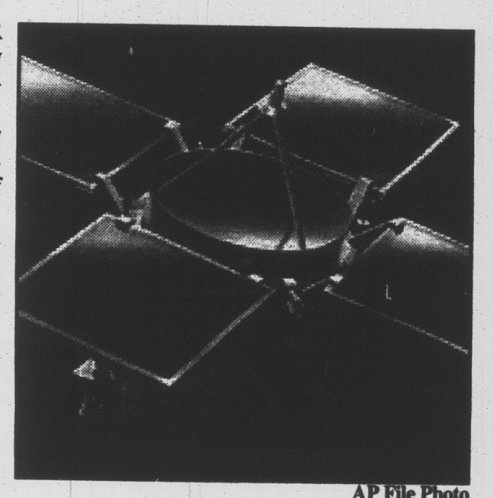
NEAR's landing was confirmed Monday when mission control received a beacon signal from the craft resting on the surface of Eros, some 196 million miles from Earth.

"I am happy to report that the NEAR has touched down," said Robert Farquhar, mission director. "We are still getting signals. It is still transmitting from the surface."

Engineers watching from monitors from Mission Control broke into applause at confirmation of history's first landing of a man-made object on an asteroid.

NEAR flawlessly performed five rocket firings, starting Monday morning, to drop it out of a 15-mile orbit of Eros and slow it toward the surface. Early indications are that Mission control completed its plan to guide NEAR to a feather-like touchdown by slowing its velocity, relative to the surface of the asteroid, to about the speed of a fast walk, 3 to 5 miles an hour.

The landing completes a five-year, 2-billion-mile mission for the robot craft and boosts the technical experience in putting spacecraft on objects with extremely light gravity.



AP File Photo
NEAR landed on asteroid Eros.

Unabomber claims he was pressured to enter guilty plea

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A federal appeals court denied Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski's bid for a new trial Monday, saying he was not coerced into pleading guilty to three fatal mail bombings.

Kaczynski, who entered his plea in January 1998 in a mail-bombing spree that killed three people and injured 23, had told the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals he felt pressured to plead guilty as a way to avoid being portrayed as mentally ill by his defense attorneys.

But Kaczynski "admits that this is speculative and that no proof for it is possible," Judge Pamela Ann Rymer wrote in the 2-1 decision.

Kaczynski had claimed a federal judge violated his rights by allowing his lawyers to use his mental condition as a defense, over his objections, and denying his request to represent himself.

Kaczynski had wanted a trial even if it meant getting the death penalty but was given a life sentence in exchange for his guilty plea.

The Justice Department initially sought a death sentence but accepted the life term after a court-ordered psychiatric examination, conducted over his objections, concluded he was a paranoid schizophrenic.

National Briefs

Sub collision puts Japan in delicate position

TOKYO - With the nine people missing since a U.S. submarine sank a Japanese fishing vessel probably trapped under 1,800 feet of ocean, Japanese asked on Monday how it could have happened and speculated about the impact on the U.S.-Japan relationship.

Innocent death row prisoner released

RICHMOND, Va. - Earl Washington Jr. walked out of prison Monday after spending almost 10 years on death row for a murder he didn't commit. Largely illiterate and with an IQ of 69, Washington confessed to the 1982 rape and slaying of Rebecca Lynn Williams even though no fingerprints or biological evidence tied him to the crime. DNA tests showed he was wrongly convicted.

Delta pilots approve strike by wide margin

ATLANTA - Delta Airlines pilots voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike if contract talks with the nation's third-largest carrier fail, their union said Monday. The company and union have agreed to negotiate until Feb. 28, when they will ask the National Mediation Board to arbitrate any remaining disputes. Pilots could strike as soon as April 1, barring intervention by President Bush.

House speaker has emergency surgery

AURORA, Ill. - U.S. House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert underwent successful kidney stone surgery early Monday. A Hastert spokesman said the Illinois Republican had been experiencing abdominal distress for several days and admitted himself to the hospital Sunday evening.

New book connects IBM to Nazis

BERLIN - U.S. computer giant IBM has alerted its employees about an upcoming book detailing the company's role in helping Nazis carry out the Holocaust, according to an internal company message. The book, IBM and the Holocaust, claims that punch-card machines built by IBM were a key factor enabling the Nazis to make their killing operations more efficient.

Atlantis astronauts begin second spacewalk

SPACE CENTER, Houston - Two shuttle astronauts floated out into space Monday to put more finishing touches on the international space stations newly installed science lab. The spacewalk is scheduled to last just more than six hours.

Israeli army kills 2 Palestinians

JERUSALEM - Israeli army fire killed two Palestinians and seriously wounded a third in the West Bank Monday. The flare-up of violence came as Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon intensified efforts to bring predecessor Ehud Barak and his moderate Labor Party into his government. A new round of coalition talks was to be held Monday.

Human genome full of history

WASHINGTON - The first good look at the human genome reveals that a human has only about 30,000 genes, tens of thousands fewer than scientists had expected and only about 5,000 more than a mustard weed.

Weird News

Stuck in a tight spot

OLATHE, Kan. - Louise Davis was in a hurry to get to work but found her car doors sealed shut by ice. She decided to go through the trunk, planning to kick at the back seat, which folds down. "Just as soon as I got in, the trunk slammed shut," said Davis, who tried in vain to kick down the seat. Davis was released after a neighbor heard her pounding on the trunk.

Trying to sell your soul?

SEATTLE - Adam Burtle, 20, sold his soul on eBay, the Internet auction site, fetching $400 before the listing was removed and the University of Washington student and part-time automotive technician was suspended from the site. For his listing, the self-described atheist displayed a picture of himself wearing an "I'm with stupid" T-shirt. EBay has blocked similar auctions in the past but said Burtle's soul slipped through. Burtle said he didn't intend for the ad to be taken seriously. "I was just bored, and I'm a geek," Burtle said. "So anytime I'm bored, I go back to my Internet."

A condom crusade

DETROIT - Health officials are handing out condom earrings, condom lollipops, and condom hair accessories by the thousands this weekend in advance of National Condom Week. Health officials hope their condomania will deliver a serious message and change behavior. In December, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Detroit has the seventh-highest syphilis rate among large U.S. cities.

New Zealand's national bird may be an import

SYDNEY, Australia - New Zealand's national symbol, a small flightless bird, may be from Australia. A genetic study published in the journal Nature suggests the kiwi is more closely related to Australia's emu than to New Zealand's now extinct moa. The kiwi likely evolved in Australia and crossed a land link to New Zealand before rising seas cut off the link, according to the researchers. They said the moa was probably in New Zealand millions of years earlier.

Confusing the definition of security

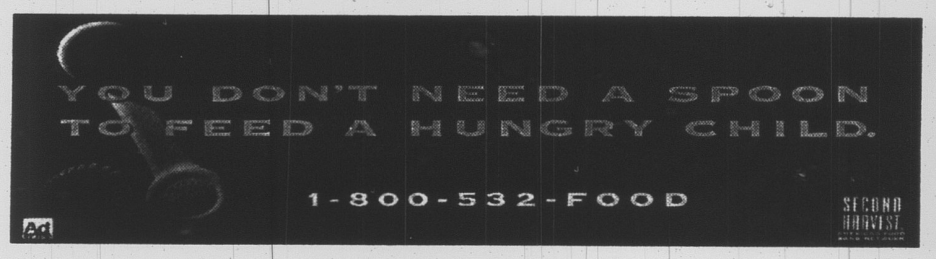
CLEVELAND - An armored truck is an indispensable tool for safely transporting money - assuming none of its doors are ajar. Employees of an armored truck company told FBI agents that $500,000 had fallen out of a truck, apparently through a partly open door. The money disappeared during a half-mile journey from the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland to Jacobs Field, home of the Cleveland Indians.

A moose loose in the Palouse

SPOKANE, Wash. - A 7-month-old moose was found last week next to his deceased mother in the Palouse, a rural region in eastern Washington. A veterinarian will care for the 4-foot-tall, 200-pound animal until it can return to the wild. Moose in the wild live with their mothers until they are about a year old, then are left to fend for themselves.

No, they aren't twins

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Kevin Coughlin, a Republican from Cuyahoga Falls, started one day as a member of the Ohio House and finished it as a senator. In between, he secured his place in history as a member of both at once. As it turned out, Coughlin was making his move on picture day. A photographer captured the 99 House members, including Coughlin, at their desks, then lugged the special panoramic camera across the hall and snapped the Senate. Coughlin beat the photographer across the corridor. "It's one of those things that, years from now, it will be a, 'Did you know?'" Coughlin said.



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International Briefs

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Family members await outcome of search

HONOLULU - With hope fading, the search continued Sunday for the nine crew members, students and teachers lost at sea when a U.S. submarine, rising fast from the Pacific depths, sliced open and sank their fishing boat. "The longer we go without signs there are people in the water, the more difficult it becomes for us to continue. But we have not reached this point yet," said Coast Guard Capt. Steven A. Newell. He said the search would continue through at least Monday afternoon and that weather conditions had been favorable with good visibility, light winds and water temperatures at 77 degrees.

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Philippine candidates begin battle for Senate

MANILA, Philippines - Political parties prepared their Senate slates Monday for May elections seen as a referendum on the "people power" revolt that ousted President Joseph Estrada. More than 3,600 local and congressional positions will be contested May 14. Senate candidates had until midnight Monday to declare their candidacy. Campaigning, often marred by small outbursts of violence in past elections, begins Tuesday.

Torture widespread in China

BEIJING - Torture and ill treatment of prisoners and detainees is widespread and systemic in China and the government is not doing enough to fight it, Amnesty International said Monday. The London-based group said officials perpetrating abuses include not only police and prison officers, but also tax collectors, family planners, neighborhood watch groups and even business security guards who have tortured and killed complaining customers.

Romanian lawmakers visit Iraq

BUCHAREST, Romania - An ultranationalist opposition party has sent three lawmakers to Iraq, seeking to improve economic ties, in a trip that Romanian officials said Sunday they feared could hurt Romania's efforts to warm up to the West. Opposition leader Corneliu Vadim Tudor said he gave three lawmakers from his Greater Romania Party permission to travel to Iraq to improve economic ties and seek ways to win payment of some $1.7 billion in debts Iraq owes Romania.

Seven killed as bus overturns in Spain

MADRID - A bus carrying members of a Spanish national chorus careered off the road and turned over on Sunday, killing seven passengers and injuring 12, news reports said. The dead - a dancer and six sound technicians - were all members of the Spanish Lyrical Company, said a spokesman for Milo Tour, the company that owns the bus.

Dozens of whales beach themselves in Japan

TOKYO - Fifty melon-headed whales ran ashore Sunday on a beach near Tokyo, and about 20 died despite efforts by surfers to turn them back to sea. The whales were among a group of 300 that appeared off the coast of Japan.

Huge crowd protests Croatia's war-crime probe

SPLIT, Croatia - Nearly 100,000 demonstrators protested Sunday against the investigation of a former general suspected of war atrocities, demanding early elections and a stop to Croatia's cooperation with a UN war crimes tribunal. The rally underscored a building confrontation between the year-old pro-democracy government and its predecessor - the nationalist party that ruled Croatia for nearly a decade under the late president, Franjo Tudjman.

NSA head says bin Laden has better technology

WASHINGTON - Osama bin Laden, the Saudi exile wanted for allegedly masterminding the bombing of two U.S. embassies in East Africa, has better communications technology than the United States, according to the director of the National Security Agency, Gen. Mike Hayden. "Osama bin Laden has at his disposal the wealth of a $3 trillion a year telecommunications industry that he can rely on," Hayden said, "That's why. He has better technology."

SPORTS

Eight game streak for the Lady Titans

By Jacquelyn Selznick
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Titan basketball team improved their overall record to 12-9 overall this week with wins over Pitt-Greensburg, 64-41, and Bethany, 69-54. The wins extend their streak to eight, the longest since a program record 11-game win streak from Dec. 7, 1987 to Jan. 27, 1988.

Against Pitt-Greensburg, Westminster had control from the very beginning. They led by as many as 13 points in the first half, and headed to halftime with a 29-17 lead. In the second half, UP-J would only come as close as 12 points, but would come no closer.

Scoring was lead by sophomore forwards Samor Himes and Teale Ganster with 11 each. Himes and Ganster also hauled in 11 and 9 rebounds, respectively. Sophomore Jennifer Petures added 10 points and five steals in the win.

Sophomore guard Jaime Lynn felt that although it was a non-conference game, it was very beneficial. "This game gave us good practice for our upcoming game against rival Bethany," Lynn said.

In the previous game against Bethany, a last second jumper shot was hit by Himes to secure a come-from-behind win over the Lady Bisons. This game started just as exciting, as Westminster overcame an eight-point deficit to head into half time tied 31-31.

In the second half, the Lady Titans took control and built up a double-digit lead midway through. The Lady Bisons were never a serious threat throughout the rest of the game.

"Our first game against Bethany should never have been that close, so we came out in the second game to prove we were much better than that," Himes said.

Five Lady Titans reached double digits in the game. Ganster had team-high totals of 16 points and 10 rebounds, followed by junior guard Robin Thayer with 14 points. Himes and Petures each had 11 points and sophomore Ashley Kennedy also added 10 points off the bench.

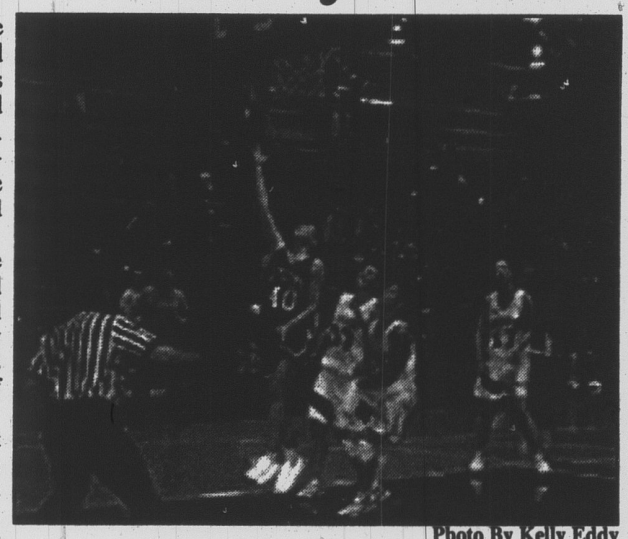

Photo By Kelly Eddy

Lady Titan's try to guard the basket as the other team takes a shot.

Titans victorious over Bethany Bison

The Westminster men's basketball team ran its season-best winning streak to five games, posting a pair of home wins against Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) opponents at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium. On Wednesday, the Titan cagers avenged their only conference loss of the season with a 94-84 victory over Bethany. Westminster continued its roll through the PAC on Saturday, topping Waynesburg 88-83.

On Wednesday against Bethany, the two teams traded the lead several times in a nip-and-tuck first half before heading into intermission tied 45-45. Westminster took control early in the second half, going on a 17-4 run and leading by as many as 17 points. The Bison were able to work the lead back to single digits, but could get no closer than eight points the rest of the way. A trio of seniors led the way for Westminster, led by guard Andy Wormsley with a game-high of 23 points. Forwards Chad Phillips and Henry Klinar each posted "double-doubles," with Phillips recording 22 points and 10 rebounds and Klinar adding 18 points and 10 boards. Junior swingman Ryan Oman dished out a team-high six assists for the Titans.

Waynesburg controlled the pace in the early going on Saturday, scoring the game's first six points and leading by as many as seven points (16-9) with 12:46 to play in the first half. From there, the Titans went on an 11-0 run to take the lead for good at 20-16 with 11:01 to play. Westminster continued to build the lead and headed into halftime up 10 points (46-36). The Titans kept a steady 8-to-14 point lead most of the second half, before a late Waynesburg rally brought the Yellow Jackets within three points (84-81) with 27 seconds to play. However, the Titans made 4-of-4 free throws in the final 15 seconds to clinch the win. Leading the Titan offensive attack was Phillips with a game-high 28 points, followed closely by Wormsley with 27 markers. Phillips also added eight rebounds and a team-high five assists, while Wormsley recorded team-best totals of three blocked shots and five steals. Klinar posted a "double-double" with 12 points and a game-high 13 rebounds, while sophomore Joe Wilson added a spark off the bench with nine points.

Eating disorder screening to be held March 1

By Babs Quincy
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There is always a talk on campus about eating disorders. People ask what can be done when there is suspicion that someone they know has an eating disorder, or is at least on his or her way to developing a serious problem. It sometimes seems that the people who are most aware of a problem are the observers, whereas those who are actually suffering from an eating disorder are in complete denial about it, or are unwilling to do anything about it. Our hands are tied when that is going on. All we can do is let the person know we are very concerned based on observations of their behavior, and suggest they get some help. We run the risk of the person becoming angry with us, and then withdrawing even more, but at least we have a clear conscience.

Eating disorders start in insidious ways. People begin by simply wanting to look good, to lose a few pounds, maybe. We can all relate to that, as being thin is so embedded in our culture. But then, given certain risk factors present in an individual, things progress from a simple desire to an obsession. Then they're off and running on a very dangerous and self-destructive course. It's scary, because a "hard core" eating disorder is very hard to treat, and will often end in hospitalization or death if left alone. However, if there is intervention in the beginning stages, there is certainly hope for a change in direction, but the person at risk needs to have sufficient motivation for these interventions. In other words, there needs to be ownership of the problem by the person that has the problem.

There are generally two types of eating disorders: Bulimia and Anorexia. Bulimia involves binge eating and then forcing oneself to vomit, whereas anorexia is simply not eating and starving oneself. Then there are several variations, such as abusing laxatives, or any combination of starving and/or throwing up.

Are you at risk? Here's a list of some of the typical characteristics of a person at risk:

Perfectionism
An athlete (swimmer, dancer, runner espe cially)
Competitive
Thinking you're fat when you're clearly (to everyone else) not fat, or even overweight
Obsessed with your weight
Withdrawal from others
Parent who is overly controlling and intru sive
On a diet
Chronic worrier
Under a lot of stress
Planning your life around food and eating
Experience these feelings often: depression, guilt, helplessness, resentment, unhealthy anxiety, unreasonable fear

On Thursday, March 1, from 10-3, I will be conducting Eating Disorder Screenings in my office at the Health Center. The screening involves filling out a 26-question inventory and then discussing your results with me. It should take no longer than 20 minutes and is completely confidential. Call EXT. 7340 for an appointment. If you have a friend you are worried about, urge that person to come.

Three Rivers will live on in other projects

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

With one press of a button, thirty years of Pittsburgh sports tradition was blown to the ground. Three Rivers Stadium lasted three decades, but only took 19 seconds to destroy. Several thousand people camped around the rivers to cheer and cry at the implosion of the home of the Steelers and the Pirates. Fireworks followed the $5.1 million blast at 8 a.m.

Experts loaded 4,800 pounds of dynamite into the stadium last week to clear the way for separate baseball and football stadiums rising nearby. PNC Park opens with the Pirates and Mets in an exhibition game March 31, and the unnamed Steelers stadium opens this fall.

Dynamite severed the 12 joints that held the stadium together, and it fell in a neat ring, except for metal rigging that stuck skyward. Crews went to work immediately Sunday hauling away about 75 truckloads of concrete and steel.

The new Steelers stadium, just 27 yards away from the old site, also has real grass. Its glass windows were wrapped to protect them from the blast.

Three Rivers opened in 1970 at a cost of $36 million. It immediately boosted the play and support of the Pirates and Steelers. After moving in at midseason, the Pirates ended a 10-year championship drought by winning the first of their nine divisional titles. They also won two NL pennants and World Series titles in 1971 and 1979. The Steelers soon became a dynasty, winning four Super Bowls in six years and churning out several Hall of Famers.

The stadium also saw one of the most famous plays in NFL history, a wildly deflected touchdown pass from Terry Bradshaw to Franco Harris in a 1972 playoff game that was instantly dubbed the "Immaculate Reception."

Although Three Rivers Stadium will come down with dynamite, pieces of the landmark will live on. More than 90 percent of the stadium will be reused. The concrete, about 100,000 cubic yards, will be used as fill at the Leetsdale Industrial Park in northwestern Allegheny County. Much of the estimated 7,000 tons of steel will be recycled. The old steel could eventually end up in consumers' kitchens as appliances. The steel from Three Rivers will be worth more than $500,000 after expenses. Some concrete will be used as fill for the North Shore Riverfront Park. The remaining debris will be taken to two landfills in Ohio. Some redeemable items, such as additional seats, will be stored at the Carnegie Science Center. Plans for selling those items will be announced in a few weeks. Some seats may be sold over the Internet.

It was a sad day in Pittsburgh for Pirates and Steelers fans who have memories of Three Rivers Stadium. While many agree that baseball should be played on real grass, the uniqueness of the stadium has been unmatched. Now that owners and players are more demanding, asking for bigger and better arenas, salaries, etc., the significance of Three Rivers is lost. Now, acknowledging the cost of running a business in the sports world is unavoidable. The economics of the games have taken over, to the extent that better stages for overpaid performances are a necessity.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Traffic

Beth Staley

While watching *Traffic,* moviegoers will feel less like they are watching a movie about the drug war, and more like they are witnessing the drug war first-hand. From the courtroom to the Mexican border to the streets to the political arena, the viewers of *Traffic* will be drawn into the drama surrounding the various characters.

Now, who is everyone involved? Well, interestingly, *Traffic* manages to cover the situations of almost everyone the drug war actually touches, including big-time drug lords, dealers, rich young drug-addicts, transporters, spouses, children, DEA members and government officials. A major component of *Traffic's* message is that the drug issue manages to affect every community creating nationwide and domestic controversy.

Director Steven Soderbergh delivers *Traffic* inside out, so that the seams of this controversy around drugs are revealed in frightening detail. *Traffic* opens in Tijuana, Mexico where low-class Mexicans with nothing to look forward to drive drug-loaded trucks, hoping to cross the border without getting arrested or killed. Mexican cop Javier Rodriguez Rodriguez, played by Benicio Del Toro, becomes directly involved in helping dissolve one of the two large drug distributors. Eventually, he realizes that Mexican law enforcers are cracking down on one distributor to help another. In his brilliant portrayal of alienation, honor, and honesty, Del Toro must make crucial decisions in order to stay alive and try to do right.

Also striving for what's right is Robert Wakefield, played by Michael Douglas. The President of the United States appoints Wakefield, a conservative judge, to deal with the escalating drug-problem. Wakefield embarks on a first-hand investigation of drug operations from Mexico to the U.S., and encourages his colleagues to brainstorm for creative methods to combat the drug problem. Wakefield's battle becomes personal when he discovers that his own daughter Caroline (Erika Christensen) becomes a drug-addict. Their father/daughter relationship is tested to the extreme; the performances of Douglas and Christensen are both heart-wrenching and powerful.

Matching their performances is Don Cheadle as Montel Gordon, an investigator watching Helena Ayala (Catherine Zeta-Jones). Ayala's husband is on trial for his involvement in illegal drug sale; however she was never aware of his drug activity, and now suddenly faces her husband's enemies. Determined to protect her son, Zeta-Jones gives audiences her best moments on screen ever. Meanwhile, Cheadle's own determination to bring down her husband and his drug activity is commendable. His efforts are renegade and aggressive. He won't give up.

In fact, nobody gives up in *Traffic.* The result is a powerful message about dealing with a drug-war in which nobody will surrender. In order to digest this message and experience Soderbergh's cinematic brilliance with camera techniques, shots, and lenses, see *Traffic.* This movie is pieced together into such an interesting collage so that every second commands attention and counts. Many people complain about how much time they waste every weekend; well, if you're tired of wasting time, then do something worthwhile and see *Traffic.* Of all the movies out right now, it is the best.

Joseph Stamper

Traffic is a work of art. The movie has four storylines that our loosely connected on the surface, but are in actuality directly related. The primary story is about a judge from Ohio (Michael Douglas), who has recently been appointed drug czar by the President of the United States. Ironically, his daughter's privileged life style steers her toward addiction to the very substances her father had pledged to fight. The audience is shown the relatively quick transformation from recreational user to "crack head" (addict).

Yep, I said it, "crack head," before you start feeling sorry for her, come talk to me. In fact, if you're going to feel sorry for her don't go see the movie. Give me the seven bucks and I will personally drive you 20 miles down the road and show you 30 "crack heads" just like her. I am willing to bet that you will not feel half as sorry for the poorer drug addicts. When a well-to-do person is a "crack head," people say they have a "problem," but when a poorer person has a drug addiction, then he or she is treated as subhuman. The point being, a crack head is a crack head is a crack head. If the poor ones are subhuman then the rich ones are subhuman too.

The secondary and most compelling story takes place south of the border. In Tijuana, a police officer named Javier (Benicio Del Toro) is caught in a drug war between two warring cartels. He starts as the token rebel hero, fighting for the people in sometimes conventional means. Javier soon catches the attention of General Salazar, the Mexican equivalent of the drug czar in the United States. Javier joins Salazar and is instrumental in taking down one of the warring drug cartels. Soon Javier comes to the realization that Salazar and de facto Javier himself is working for the opposing drug cartel.

We also see the role of the intermediary Carlos Ayala (Steve Bauer). Posing as a wealthy San Diego businessperson, his real job is importing drugs into the United States. After one of his associates rats him out in exchange for immunity, he faces serious prison time for drug trafficking. His pregnant wife, faced with losing her high-class lifestyle, decides to take business into her own hands. The society woman learns the tricks of the trade and fills her husband's void while he awaits trial.

Finally, there is the lighthearted humor of two drug agents working the case of would-be criminal Carlos Ayala. The agents, played by Don Cheadle and Luis Guzman, end up protecting the witness in Ayala's case. Their interaction brings a much-needed relief from the gravity of the situation.

Stamper's Four Corner Breakdown

Date Movie-6

This movie has no traditional romantic value. However, if your significant other is conscience of the things that affect society and indeed has half a brain, then this movie is worth an hour or two of intelligent conversation.

Special FX- 8

The movie did not have many special effects and really did not need many. However, the rough shots of director Steven Soderbergh really enhanced the desparate feel of the movie.

Star Power-9

There are a few big box office draws in this flick, most notably Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas. However, the man who steals the show is Benicio Del Toro, the deserving Golden Globe winner for best supporting actor. In fact, during the film, I found myself wishing that the movie focused more on Javier Rodriguez. I liked him in one of my all-time favorite flicks, *Usual Suspects*, and I think he was perfect in this role.

Plot- 10

Overall- Must See

This film actually has socially redeeming value. The fact that it is not violent purely for the sake of being violent makes it refreshing. *Traffic* also gives new perspective to the complexity of America's drug problem.

And the nominees for the Academy Awards are...

Here is a partial list of nominees for the 73rd Academy Awards, which will be presented March 25.

Picture:
Chocolat
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Erin Brockovich
Gladiator
Traffic

Director:
Stephen Daldry, *Billy Elliot*
Ang Lee, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*
Steven Soderbergh, *Erin Brockovich*
Ridley Scott, *Gladiator*
Steven Soderbergh, *Traffic*

Actor:
Javier Bardem, *Before Night Falls*
Russell Crowe, *Gladiator*
Tom Hanks, *Cast Away*
Ed Harris, *Pollock*
Geoffrey Rush, *Quills*

Supporting Actor:
Jeff Bridges, *The Contender*
Willem Dafoe, *Shadow of the Vampire*
Benicio Del Toro, *Traffic*
Albert Finney, *Erin Brockovich*
Joaquin Phoenix, *Gladiator*

Actress:
Joan Allen, *The Contender*
Juliette Binoche, *Chocolat*
Ellen Burstyn, *Requiem for a Dream*
Laura Linney, *You Can Count On Me*
Julia Roberts, *Erin Brockovich*

Supporting Actress:
Judi Dench, *Chocolat*
Marcia Gay Harden, *Pollock*
Kate Hudson, *Almost Famous*
Frances McDormand, *Almost Famous*
Julie Walters, *Billy Elliot*

Adapted Screenplay:
Chocolat (Robert Nelson Jacobs)
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (Wang Hui Ling, James Schamus and Tsai Kuo Jung)
O Brother, Where Art Thou? (Ethan Coen and Joel Coen)
Traffic (Stephen Gaghan)
Wonder Boys (Steve Kloves)

Original Screenplay:
Almost Famous (Cameron Crowe)
Billy Elliot (Lee Hall)
Erin Brockovich (Susannah Grant)
Gladiator (David Franzoni, John Logan and William Nicholson, story by David Franzoni)
You Can Count On Me (Kenneth Lonergan)

"Nothin' But Mammals"

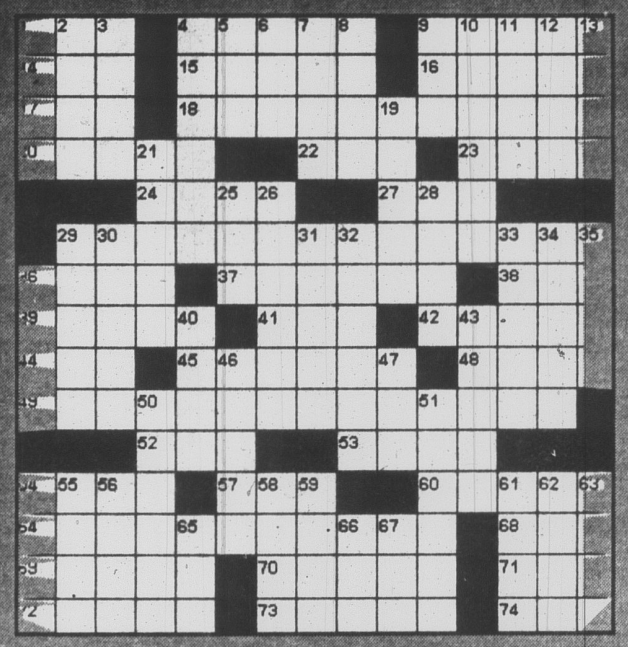
By Matt Gaffney

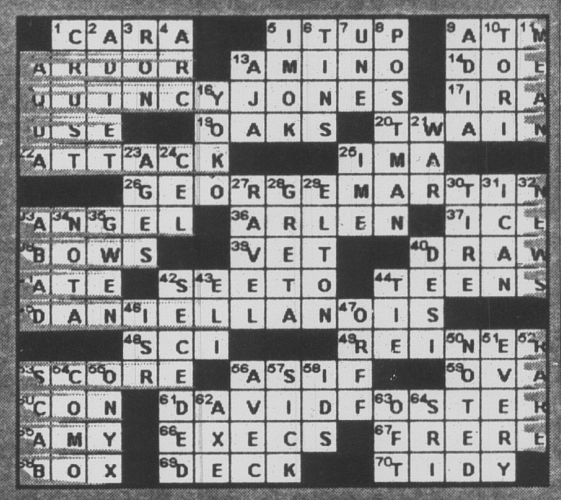
Across

1 Big yellow taxi, say
4 Feature of Willie Nelson's hair
9 Big name in contemporary jazz
14 Thurman who appears on the cover of the "Pulp Fiction" soundtrack
15 Words on the cake in "Alice in Wonderland"
16 Like Marilyn Manson
17 Use eBay
18 John Kay and friends
20 ___ Contemporary
22 Mo. city
23 "Coming ___ number 7 this week..." (DJ line)
24 State where Andy Williams was born
27 Like Jimmy Buffett, usually
29 Bob Marley classic
36 Catcher's equipment
37 Ease the pressure
38 ___-cone
39 "This is only ___"
41 King Sunny ___
42 Desert drinking spots
44 "Lodi" band, initially
45 Give some help to
48 Addition figures
49 Hit off the 1982 album "Security"
52 Ben from Down Under
53 Flightless birds from Down Under
54 Beatles tune "Old Brown ___"
57 "Atlas Shrugged" novelist Rand
60 Long-haired country star
64 Phil Oakey's band
68 Tape made for a friend, maybe
69 "Ten" hit
70 Give ___ (care)
71 Org. mentioned in Warren Zevon's "Roland the Headless Thompson Gunner"
72 Like some modern communities
73 John Hiatt's "It ___ Happened Yet"
74 "My ___ Is True"

Down

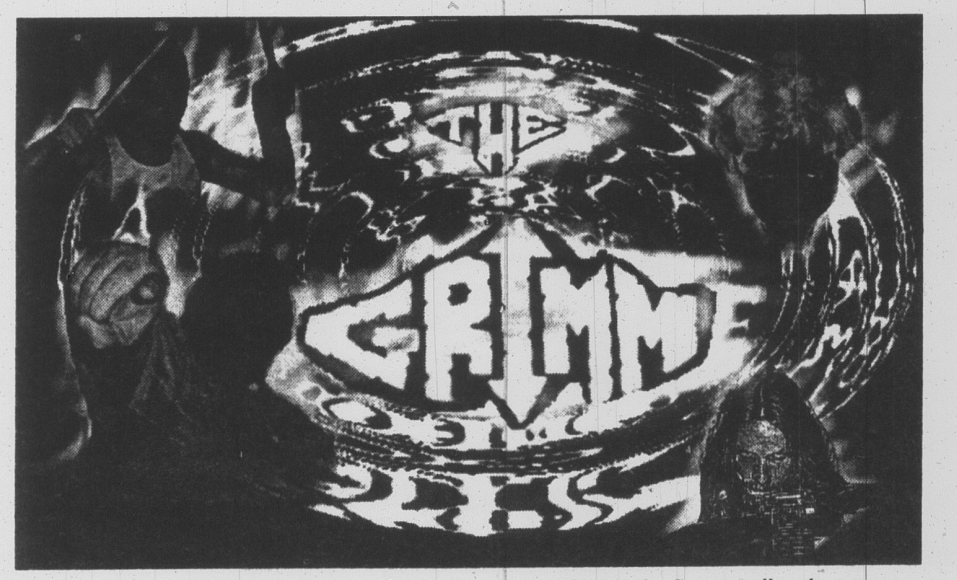
1 Ibrahim Ferrer's country
2 In the center of
3 "Tyrone" singer
4 Greatest hits
5 ___-a-lat (drum sound)
6 Absorbed, as losses
7 Devilish types
8 Fire or police bldg.
9 Popular doll
10 Button on a cassette player
11 Elvis Presley's middle name
12 Debut country album of 1997
13 "I ___ My Heart in San Francisco"
19 "That's What Friends Are For" name
21 Gives a boost
25 Song Sinead O'Connor sang before tearing up a picture of Pope John Paul II
26 On ___ (constrained)
28 Kind of sax
29 "The ___ Is Back"
30 "In ___"
31 Beach Boys tune, say
32 Yoko Ono song "Nobody ___ Like You Do"
33 Put out, as an album
34 Public ___
35 Supreme woman
36 Steve Jobs products
40 Ex-British boy band ___ That
43 ___ favor of (requests something)
46 1980 hit "___ Away"
47 Waits on CDs
50 Cut in half
51 Guitarist who released "Spirit of the Wild"
54 Catch fly balls
55 Hawaiian movements
56 Forget to include
58 Word repeated often in Joan Osborne's "One of Us"
59 Zippo, to Elvis Crespo
61 Village People hit
62 53, one way
63 Final
65 Mr. Flanders
66 Liquid mentioned in "Little Red Corvette"
67 Coffee holder





The Grimm: "Combination equals innovation"

By Beth Staley
STAFF WRITER



"Combination Equals Innovation," according to The Grimm, and such a working motto has allowed them to showcase their talents in a truly unique self-titled CD. The combinations on this CD include a mix of progressive and classic rock elements blended and sharpened into nine complex tracks. Forget the typical three to four minute radio-friendly songs that have become so cliché. The Grimm has what it takes to keep listeners' attention for very long, multi-layered, thought-provoking songs.

Perhaps The Grimm is successful with long songs because of their roots as an instrumental rock band. Even as an instrumental band, The Grimm was considered accessible and highly entertaining; however, with lyrics, the band finally captured the full essence of their musical message with intelligent verses and refrains. From track number one, "My God, It's Full of Stars," listeners will feel compelled to think about meaning, existence and knowledge.

Combining meaning with music are four dedicated members. The drums really shape the songs on this CD, thanks to drummer and vocalist Ron Brode; brilliant tempo changes carry The Grimm to very emotional places. Stitching together the great rhythmic shapes are powerful bass lines that aren't just heard, but felt! Guitarist and vocalist Kirk Tonkin compliments bassist and vocalist Kent Tonkin with layers of guitar riffs that dazzle and delight the ear. Vocalist Ron Brode has a very raw, made-for-rock voice that travels from peaceful to powerful perfectly.

Together, The Grimm conjures up sounds related to influences such as Yes, Alice in Chains, Metallica and Rush. Listen to the fascinating musical craftsmanship of The Grimm. From the mellow and melodious "Sunny Day in the Sargrasso" to the mesmerizing mayhem of "Glass Cages," listeners will become attached to The Grimm's sound. The song "Stoned Henge" delivers a guitar-induced trance perfect for any appreciative rock listener. The Grimm's self-titled CD was produced by Jason Bartlebaugh at Bellwood's B&B Studios. Check out their web-site www.thegrimm.com for information on upcoming appearances and CD merchandise.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Remember that growth without change is a joke. Your immediate future should be secured, and you'll have time for fun. As you go down to the wire, you'll probably question whether your quest was worth all the effort.

TAURUS
You're once again a creature of genius and romance. Sadly, this special intensity rarely lasts for more than a few days at a time. Don't worry, though, because your love light flickers off and on all throughout the week.

GEMINI
You could be staring out the window again with daydreams of flying. Be careful about your wishes. Beware of new distractions ongoing around you.

CANCER
Beware of whose toes you trample, because someone else thinks that this is his or her dance. Emotion and intuition spread their warm, reasonable vibes wherever you go.

LEO
Hang on for the burst of astrological fire that warms and clarifies you later in the week. Unless you can escape, there won't be another break in the action until end of the week. Turn your newfound creativity toward practical ends in the final days of this month.

VIRGO
This week's scenario is highlighted by success and pleasure as you whirl through unfinished business with style and warmth. Savor your accomplishments. For two intense days, you're all seeing and all knowing.

LIBRA
Optimism keeps you afloat even when others sink into silence. Find new excitement with enlightened visitors or a hot date. You laugh at those poor souls who lack your cosmic advantages, but beware - a rival may soon steal your thunder.

SCORPIO
Talk your way out of anything serious by the week's end, unless it's a seriously fantastic invitation for the coming weekend. A pointed remark could deflate your balloon, but keep your head above the clouds and you may witness a rare phenomenon.

SAGITTARIUS
Sagittarius wants to be the life of the party and mastermind of all the jokes. Don't fret, satisfaction returns on the weekend. Spend the weekend giving as well as taking.

CAPRICORN
Rest mind and body with lighter work or none at all. Be careful of excessive work or play, because apparently endless resources could bottom out.

AQUARIUS
You may get into a bit of messy fun, because a real or symbolic parent wags a moralistic finger at you, urging you to clean up your act. However, it seems that mischief is good for you.

PISCES
This week's scenario is highlighted by growth, changing, falling in love - and hopefully into a rhythm that suits you, because you'll be stuck there all week. This week is about relationships, whether you're starting or ending one.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"I am angry that with all the advances made in modern architecture, that our math building (Hoyt) can fall to the ground unnoticed."

"The new door on the TUB is worse than the broken one with the pretty yellow tape! This school is so ghetto!"

"I am upset that this campus closes up when the sun goes down."

"We need video games."

"What has SGA done?"

"Has this school ever heard of the first ammendment — speaking to the recent mass email concerning Napster usage?"

"Smoking causes lung cancer."

"Our swim team is unstoppable."

"Hey, I really LIKE the orb! It could use a fresh coat of paint but trust me, that campus landmark has a LOT of fun possibilities..."

"Why does the library close at 11:00 p.m.? I guess I'll go study in my car. Where does the money go?"

"Westminster College is just like high school, except the rumors are worse. Grow up, this is college."

"Why does Thompson Clark-Freeman look the same? It looks like it did when I was a freshman here. Where'd that money go?"

"Why isn't there any where to park on campus? $26,000 should provide enough parking space for students so they don't have to get $10 tickets."

"El. Ed. majors should have a math course that is actually helpful for their future... What will Quantitative Reasoning do?"

"Westminster needs pinball machines."

"I'm a member of SGA and I'm sick and tired of people saying that we don't do anything! If someone thinks that SGA isn't doing anything, they should come to the meetings and make suggestions or better yet, run for SGA and do something yourself."

"The girls on the equestrian team are hot!"

"The only bathroom that smells good on campus is the one next to the President & Dean's office."

"Diversity Symposium is great! It's a great opportunity for students to learn outside of the classroom."

OUR VIEW: Beyond high school

"This isn't high school."

That phrase flies through our office like no other, through Rants and Raves and letters to the editor. So, why is it so many people are claiming immaturity on the part of the students here?

The first reason many people will jump at the chance to classify our college under the high school stigma is because at times it seems cliquish. Cliques are unavoidable at a small college, especially ours. Activities for campuswide involvement are arranged, but poorly attended. People run to their sororities and fraternities for most social activity.

Plus, some people who come to school here may have come from a high school with a student population that was greater than the student population here. So, the cliques may even seem worse.

What most people don't realize is that Westminster doesn't have any more cliques than any other college -- they are just more noticeable. At a larger college there is no way people will know everyone in their graduating class, so they probably won't notice or won't care when people join their little cliques.

The second reason people may claim a high school atmosphere here is they just need something to complain about. The world could be full of sunshine and daisys, but students need to complain, so they turn to the point them in the right direction.

But is college really like high school?

No.

We don't have a curfew.

We can skip class and not receive a detention for it. Yes, supposedly our grade will drop after three absences, but doesn't that just reflect the responsibility a college student is supposed to have?

We have the ability to shape our education in the direction we feel it needs to go. We have requirements, but those requirements still leave a broad range of choice. No more math, english, science and gym every single semester.

So what can we do to lose the high school stigma?

The first solution is simple. Act your age. You don't have to sit around and study all night. You are allowed to have fun. Just take responsibility for your actions.

Next time you hear a rumor, do the rest of campus a favor and stop it. Rumors only get worse as they are spread; if you stop them early you will probably save someone serious grief.

Make an effort to dissolve some cliques by attending a campuswide activity. There are many activities available such as a comic act or band at the Down Under. The back page of this paper lists many activities on campus each week.

This weekend's Mardi Gras is a good example of an all-campus activitiy that is well attended. Go. Have fun. Talk to someone you wouldn't normally talk to.

Instead of claiming that college is too much like high school, do something to change it.

> Westminster doesn't have any more cliques than any other college -- they are just more noticeable.

Editorial Cartoon

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Some students have recently written about how "outdated" the campus network is, and likened it to "a 1975 Ford Pinto going about 35 mph." Before making such analogies, I wish that students would do some basic fact-finding.

Fourteen of the 22 servers used by the College are Pentium III machines, most with dual processors, and all have at least 700 Mb of RAM. Of the remaining eight machines, two are retiring and the rest do not affect end users directly at all, performing such services as dial-in authentication. The operating systems used by these machines are either NetWare 5.1 (the most recent version) or Windows NT 4.0. As for the actual network itself, the core backbone is ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode). This is one of the most advanced networking schemes available. These technical details are to point out that not only are analogies about the network and Ford Pintos foolish, they are incorrect.

However, what annoys me most about students complaining about the network is not their lack of knowledge about networking, but the disrespect shown to the many hardworking people who maintain the campus computing resources. Maintenance needed by all networks is performed for us once a month on Friday night by people who have already worked an eight-hour day. If a problem occurs with the network at three in the morning, they get paged and come in to address it. These people work hard to make it as useful as possible for students and staff alike.

There are certainly issues that need to be addressed regarding the speed of the network - but uninformed, disrespectful, and derogatory criticism about the network and the people maintaining it is not the way to go about solving problems. It only serves to make one look selfish.

Sincerely,

Nate Sizemore

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the "OPINION" page of the *Holcad*. Anyone who has read this page will find it completely anonymous and even more annoying the Sara's "FEATURE" page. The "Rant and Rave" section usually consists of pathetic small-minded statements such as this one which appeared in the December 8th issue: "If the Holcad is a student run paper, why have there been national stories on the front page for four weeks in a row?" Obviously, someone of superior intellect could only produce a statement such as this. I would hope that other students would not feel the same way about this historical Presidential election as this moron. I would like to think that mindless idiots would not be accepted into such an institution. Whoever you may be, I suggest you move to Cuba where you won't be bothered by election headlines ever again. I suppose here at Westminster the saying holds true: "Small town, small mind."

The December 8th *Holcad* also featured "Our View: The problem with tests." Without even mentioning the content of this ridiculous article, I would like to ask the Holcad "Whose view?" If every letter to the editor must include the author's name, why are there other sections of the paper that allow cowardly statements to be published anonymously? Although my letters have not been very friendly towards many I proudly sign my name to all of them. If you have an opinion you would like to express to the student body, or myself, I would encourage you to write a letter to the editor.

Bill Jester

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Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard of the large number of non-college related activities that the campus always seems to be having. What do I mean by this? It seems like every other day another several busloads of high school students are on the campus for a day. I am not referring to the tours of campus; I am referring to all of the musical and other events that occur on the campus.

It seems that the campus facilities such as the auditoriums are being used less by the students than by visitors. An event for non-students is fine every once and awhile, say a couple times a week, but not all the time. Sure they are necessary for recruiting, but when its basically the same schools at the events all of the time and most of the people at the events are not interested in the school, this does not seem like a great use of campus resources.

Most of the public universities even on the "community" campuses do not have as many productions for non-students. Almost anyone can visit the Westminster campus at any time. The college's resources are better left used by the people paying for them, Westminster students.

Matt Lauffer

Dear editor,

Although the great Napster has been severely punished by the Law, let us still use it in our continuing debate over the greatest issue on campus: the Network Westminster-trying to give it class, do forgive me.

I like to thank Eric Harvey for bringing forth the leading reason on why the Network is so slow. This network first began small and only for the use of academic purposes and basic email correspondences. Where as technology, people, and why we use technology have changed, little has changed to Westminster's thinking-always remember Novel, what is that? Eric is right "[t]wo years ago...the concept of a MP3 was just being 'born', and not too many...paid much attention...." According to Eric, he "was able to download webpages, pictures, applets, movies, etc." at great speeds that an old T1 could handle at that time. Eric like Westminster, seeing from his letter, fails to see that TIMES HAVE CHANGED; however, when living near the Amish, I can see why technology has a hard time to take root.

Napster is not the problem, the situation is what was "being born" has now grown-up and is catching on daily. I can see that Eric, too, likes to download "stuff" using the Network, but this Network was not design to handle anything more than using the R drive and sending emails, anything more is too advanced. We must also open our minds-motto of Westminster-to the fact that a few years ago, the number of students with a computer was much smaller than it is now. This would mean that years ago not many people were DOWNLOADING. So, before we act like Westminster students and point the finger at something revolutionary (intractable), let's look at the whole picture first. I am not criticizing; I am just enlightening.

Matt Kostovny
(Intractable as always.)

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FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood
This week featuring *Twins* and Bradley L. Weaver

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Photo by Sara Bozich
Megan Marie Chovan and Michelle Renee Chovan

Name: Megan Marie Chovan and Michelle Renee Chovan
Hometown: Hubbard, OH
Nickname: "Meg" for Megan. Michelle doesn't have one.
Year at WC: 1st
Sign: Leo
Major: both Elementary Education
Pet Peeves: Megan-"When it's just you and one other person walking in the hall and they don't say hi. And when people wear blue and black together." Michelle-"When people chew their gum like a cow."
SB: What do you feel is your greatest talent?
Meg: Anything sports related.
Michelle: Yeah, athletics. I think I can analyze people really well.
SB: Did you give blood last week? (everyone has blood stories.)
Both: No.
Meg: I'm anemic.
Michelle: Last time I was going to, my mom freaked out so I didn't.
SB: If you could have 3 superpowers what would they be?
Meg: To read people's minds.
Michelle: I was just going to say that...I would want to be really strong.
Meg: To know what's going to happen before it does.
Michelle: To be able to take five minute power naps.
Meg: Yeah.
Michelle: That would be wonderful.
SB: Is there a television show that you're secretly addicted to?
Meg: Temptation Island-I never want that show to end.
Michelle: Oh my goodness yes.
SB: Would you rather have $100 or a puppy?
Meg: $100
Michelle: Yeah, $100. We already have a dog.

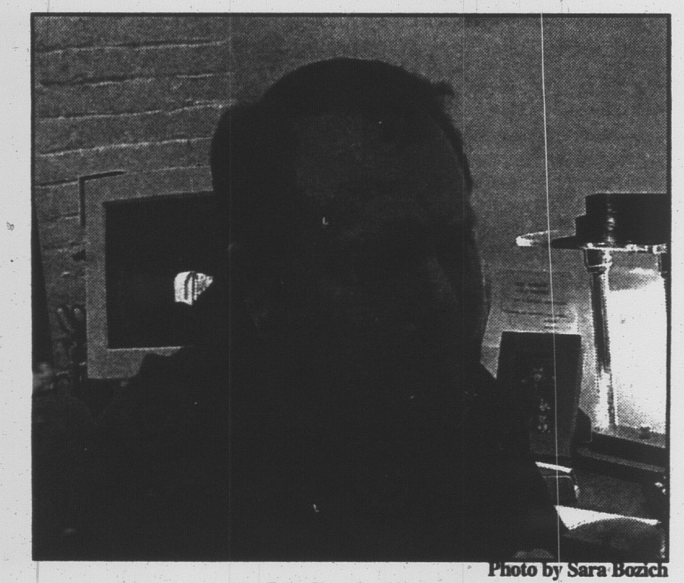

Photo by Sara Bozich
Bradley L. Weaver

Name: Bradley L. Weaver
Hometown: Tunnelton, WV
Nickname: "Brad"
Year at WC: 1st
Sign: Cancer
Department: Broadcast Communications
Pet Peeve: "People who drive slow in the passing lane."
SB: What do you feel is your greatest talent?
Weaver: Being versatile. I've been a jack of all trades in broadcasting since I was in college.
SB: Did you give blood last week? (everyone has blood stories.)
Weaver: No, I didn't. I just ran out of time.
SB: If you could have 3 superpowers what would they be?
Weaver: Invisibility would be interesting-you could learn a lot. I think it would be cool to fly. Reading people's minds-boy, you could have the inside track on so many things.
SB: Is there a television show that you're secretly addicted to?
Weaver: Buffy the Vampire Slayer. It's really well-written.
SB: Would you rather have $100 or a puppy?
Weaver: I'd rather have a puppy, but I don't have the house for one.

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"Experience and Enthusiasm"

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Undervalued holidays: what is to be done?

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Monday is Presidents' Day. The only way you'll know is because there won't be any mail delivery.

Students, in general, like to complain and to have a day off from classes. And you can't tell me that professors, faculty, even the President doesn't appreciate a day off every once in a while. Perhaps Presidents' Day isn't important enough for a day of reflection anymore, but certainly, other holidays are.

Labor Day - First off, its name is misleading. Maybe that's why it isn't an observed holiday at WC. However, the rest of the country doesn't work and no one is supposed to. You're supposed to attend barbecues and watch fireworks.

Columbus Day - Seriously, I'm not sure why we have this day considering we've discovered Chris wasn't the first. Nonetheless-again, no mail and governments have off work. Perhaps it's because it occurs near fall break. An advantage for us-most schools don't have a fall break.

Martin Luther King Day - for years black students at WC asked the school to recognize the national holiday, but felt they were ignored. In 1999 students organized a class boycott and march around campus. Two years later, our winter break lasts five weeks long. From its beginning, this school has always been non-discriminatory. So why is it so hard to have one day off classes to commemorate an important national holiday? Is it so horrendous that the school would rather give us an entire extra week instead of one day? The national government feels that Martin Luther King Day is important enough to relieve employees of the workday.

This year the school offers the lame excuse for acknowledgement, the Diversity Symposium. These things leave a bad taste in my mouth because it sounds like an Inquiry requirement. Note that the Black Student Union did not organize any activities with the school. Joe Stamper, President of the BSU, doesn't feel as though the college acknowledges minorities sufficiently and therefore the group chose not to actively participate (see article on Black History Month).

The school decided to attempt to appease students by celebrating an entire month of black history (February is Black History Month) and Martin Luther King Day in one day of classes, videotapes and gospel music.

While it's nice the school provides activities to commemorate MLK (and please, I am not trying to discourage these events), students should be able to reflect and experience however they see fit.

If you don't want to celebrate the holiday, there are other advantages to having off Martin Luther King Day. It is always observed in the national calendar on a Monday. When the second semester starts, we have no day of adjustment, no extra day to buy books and supplies. You've seen the lines to purchase textbooks-how can we be properly prepared for class? I don't understand the school's opposition to celebrating this day appropriately.

Bathroom Exposé: The Best and Worst on Campus

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR
Guest Starring Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Jon and I have the bladders of squirrels. We have investigated, by no fault of our own, all of the non-residence facilities on campus. The end result (besides a great feeling of relief) is this: a compilation of the best and worst restrooms on campus. I rate women's bathrooms. Men's are evaluated by Jon McKay (guest feature writer).

Category 1: Cleanliness

Women: TC second floor. Granted, it's brand new and quite pretty, but considering it has been open since the beginning of the semester, it remains well kept.

Men: TC third floor. No graffiti, immaculately clean, stocked with everything, nothing on the floor. The only complaint I have is that the urinal is too low-suitable only for those who received fewer than seven spankings on their last birthday.

Category 2: Aroma

Best Women's: Old Main, hands down. Love that citrus orange scent.

Best Men's: same.

Worst Women's: Some bathrooms smelled nicely, as Old Main, but those that did not, did not smell bad, per se, but rather lacked any kind of distinctive smell.

Worst Men's: The basement of the library. If stale had a smell (which it does, Jon, good thing I'm typing) it would be that bathroom. It is dark and dingy. It doesn't even smell like you'd think a bad bathroom would, but more like a medieval castle.

Category 3: Cozy Factor

Men: It would be third floor McGill Library. It makes you feel like you're doing your business in your own home. There's one toilet, one sink, a place to hang your coat. I would say that I enjoy using that bathroom.

Women: I have to agree with Jon. I was for some time convinced that I was the only person that used the bathroom on the third floor of the library. It's private and quiet. When I walked in to find someone else in there, I shrieked in surprise. What is someone doing in my bathroom?

Photo by Sara Bozich
The ceiling in the men's restroom in the TUB is virtually nonexistant.

Category 4: Best Place to Seek Counseling from Your Best Friend

Women: This would definitely be one of the three identical bathrooms in Hoyt. They offer what I will call "lounges" before you enter the actual restroom. There is also a table in case you bring munchies. Beware, however, because if you stay in there too long you could easily forget which floor you're on.

Men: For guys, I don't know because we don't really use the bathroom for counseling. We use it to pee. However, if you wanted to have a good conversation with one hundred of your closest friends, Patterson is the place because it's huge.

Category 5: Most In Need of a Makeover

Women: Freeman Hall, first floor. I am sure usage on this room has gone down significantly since the remodeling on the other side, but this bathroom has one stall marked "our of order," one toilet that rebelled against flushing, a mirror that looked like it was turning back into sand, and all-around dust and dirt. Call Jenny Jones!

Men: Lower level TUB. Nast, nast, nast. There is NO ceiling at all. You look up and see pipes, dripping and insulation. There's some sort of weird screen when you walk in the door that is supposed to provide cover. It also smells in a bad way. My worst nightmare would be walking in there in my bare feet. I would rather walk on hot coals than walk on that floor. And you're forced to deal with it because it's the only one in the TUB.

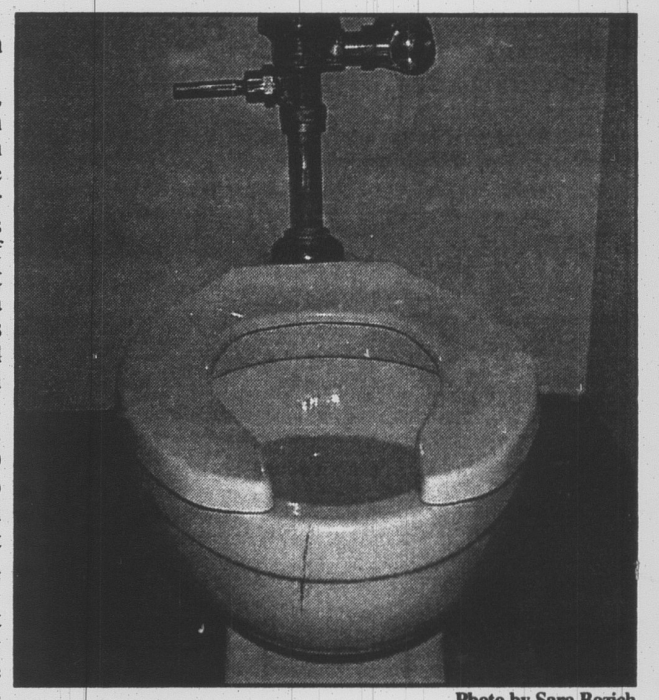


Photo by Sara Bozich
This toilet in the women's TUB restroom is typical of most on campus.

Category 6: Most Likely to be Used to Film a Murder Scene

Men: Basement of Old 77. It's creepy; it's creaky. It has a shower curtains as stall doors. And it's in the basement of a historical building. I really can't go in there without feeling the need to look over my shoulder.

Women: I would have to say the first floor McGill bathroom. While it's not necessarily creepy, it reeks of history. And by that, I do mean old books. For some reason every time I go in there I think of all the different people that have walked through there for years and years. It easily could have been the site for a murder or something of that kind of shady nature.

Drum roll please.....

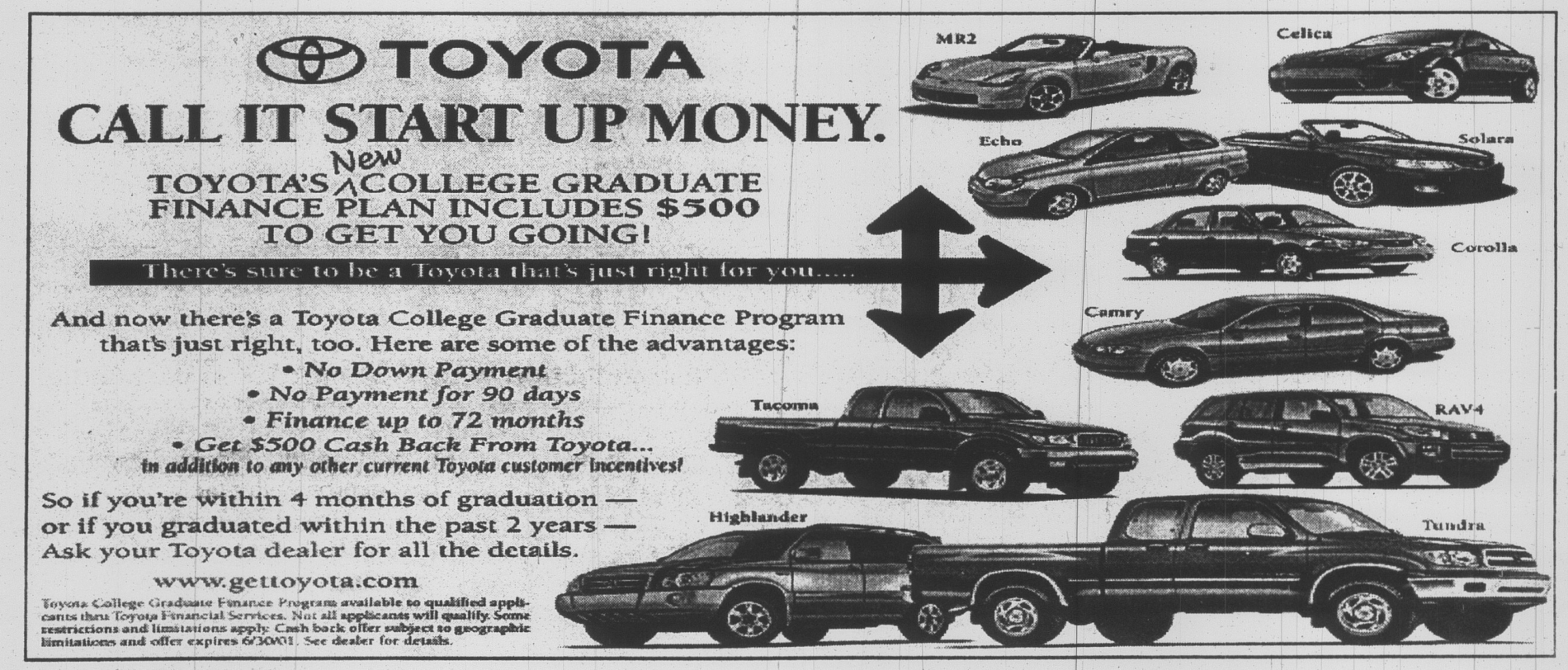
Category 7: If There Are Public Restrooms in Heaven, They Look Like This

Women: I want to bring up one that hasn't been mentioned-the basement of Hoyt, near Phillips Lecture Hall. My only complaint about this one is those weird door handles, but they do have instructions on them (push, pull) so it's tolerable. They are an almost tranquil blue color mixed with white, fancy sinks, cubbyholes for who knows what, and cleanliness all around.

Men: Third floor McGill. Like I said before, it looks like no one ever goes in there. Whoever cleans it, it smells nice, trash is emptied. It's clean and you feel very comfortable going in there. If you're in the basement studying, it is worth bypassing the "dungeon" and hiking the 58 stairs to get to this restroom (note: Jon counted the stairs-that is NO exaggeration!).

Honorable mentions go to both Old Main facilities simply because of their wonderful fragrance. Physical Plant, can you hook up the rest of campus with some of that?

Honorable mentions also go to Hoyt in general for having decent bathrooms all around.



CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMEDIAN GARY GULMAN will be in the Down Under on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP Feb. 6 at 7 a.m. in Lindley Dining Hall will be led this week by Floyd Zehr.

THE FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL continues Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Down Under with El Norte. This film is a highly acclaimed drama of a brother and sister from Guatemala who seek a better life in the United States after their father is killed by government soldiers and their mother is taken away. The film depicts their dangerous journey to "el norte" and the continuing problems as illegal aliens in Los Angeles. This film is in Spanish with English subtitles. As always, free popcorn and soft drinks will be served before the movie.

THE TRUTH, featuring lead vocalist David Lindauer '93, will be releasing their CD "Dying to Live" on Feb. 20. This band has previously performed in the Down Under. Check out their website at www.truthrock.com.

FACULTY FORUM for Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 11:30 a.m. in TUB A/B will feature James Perkins with poetry reading.

BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE will be held Saturday, March 31 from 12:30-5 p.m. at Colonial Lanes. To sign up a team, call (724) 657-3680. This is a fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lawrence County.

INTERNSHIP DAY/SUMMER JOBS will be held Tuesday, March 6. Sign-ups begin soon. You will need a resume, which will be due Friday, Feb. 23.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for a Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 5, at the Cascade Galleria in downtown New Castle. This is a possibility for community service. For more information, call Raschelle Smith at 652-8856.

DISNEY WORLD INTERNSHIPS are available. For information visit www.wdw-collegeprogram.com.

THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION has some good internship/employment opportunities. See the website for information and an application - http://www.dep.state.pa.us/depjobs.htm#internships.

IDLEWILD PARK in Ligonier, Pennsylvania has started their 2001 recruitment process. Auditions for entertainers and interviews for lifeguard positions only will begin very shortly. For entertainment auditions call 1-800-221-8388. For more information regarding lifeguard positions, call 724-238-3666 x236.

UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSIPS are available. The State of Tennessee, under its Center of Excellence Program, has funded a cooperative effort between The University of Tennessee and the Oak Ridge National laboratory called "The Science Alliance." The Science Alliance will sponsor a broad base research program at UT Department of Chemistry for junior and senior chemistry majors during the summer of 2001. Applications are available at http://www.chem.utk.edu/reu/reu.html. The deadline is February 16, 2001. Participants will receive a $3250 stipend for the ten-week program.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 16
Board of Trustees Meeting
SGA Election Primaries
Regional College Bowl
11:40 a.m. Chapel
Swimming @ PAC Invitational (Grove City College)
6:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Celebration - Orr Auditorium

SATURDAY 17
Board of Trustees Meeting
Regional College Bowl
2:00 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Grove City
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Mike Taylor — Orr Auditorium
4:00 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Grove City
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
Swimming @ PAC Invitational (Grove City College)

SUNDAY 18
Regional College Bowl
3:00 p.m. Faculty Organ Recital: Beth Harrison — Orr Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:00 p.m. Off-Campus Information Meeting — TUB A/B
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 19
President's Day
Phi Mu Carnation Week
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Initiation - Chapel

TUESDAY 20
SGA Elections
4:00 p.m. Last Lecture Series: Coach Jerry Schmitt, speaker - TUB Lounge
5:00 p.m. SAA Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Career Center Etiquette Dinner & Style Show - Russell Hall Dining Room
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
6:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel
7:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal — Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Foreign Film Festival - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 21
LAST DAY FOR A 70% REFUND
SGA Elections
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - CFH 116
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TUB A/B
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting - Location TBA
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - CFH 111
9:30 p.m. Seekers - Down Under

THURSDAY 22
Washington's Birthday
5:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
6:00 p.m. Resident Assistants Continuous Training Meeting - Hillside Lobby
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
6:30 p.m. Career Center Presentation: Crothall Recruiter — TUB A/B

BANDS WANTED:

For a Battle of the Bands on April 28th in conjunction with Westminster's Feast and Fire.

Grand Prize: $300
Entry Fee: $25

Entry Deadline: March 20th
contact: Beth Staley
Box 1766
EXT. 6804
staleyba@westminster.edu

Discussion on Sexual Minorities

Presented by members of the Pittsburgh counseling center. Persad.

Presentation scheduled for February 22, 2001 at 11 a.m. in Beeghly Theatre.

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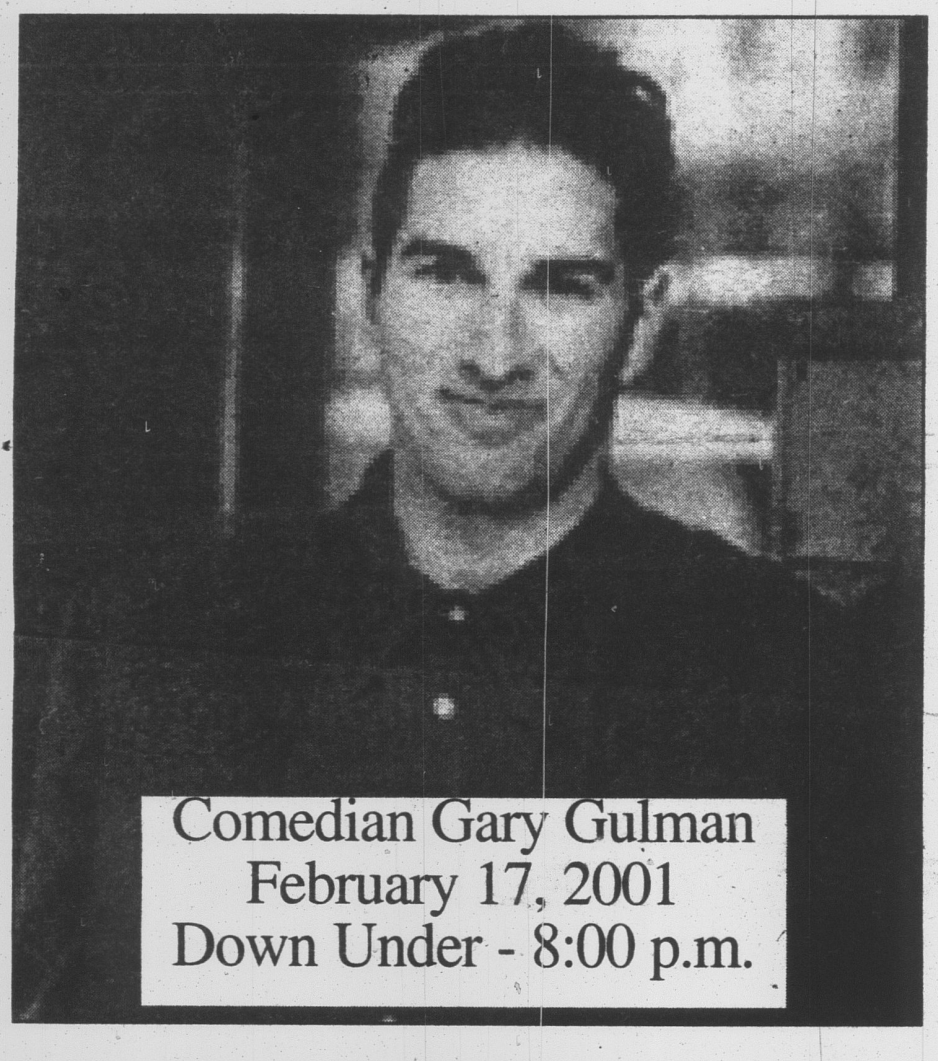
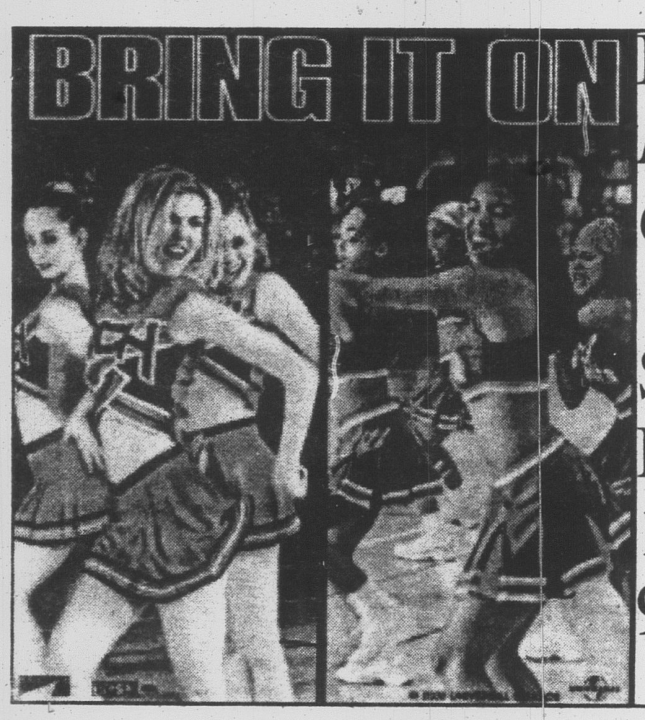
At the Down Under



Comedian Gary Gulman
February 17, 2001
Down Under - 8:00 p.m.



Movie:
Bring It On

Sunday
February
18
9 p.m.

Thursday Nights - *Survivor II: Australian Outback* - 8 p.m.

Mardi Gras 2001

February 16, 2001

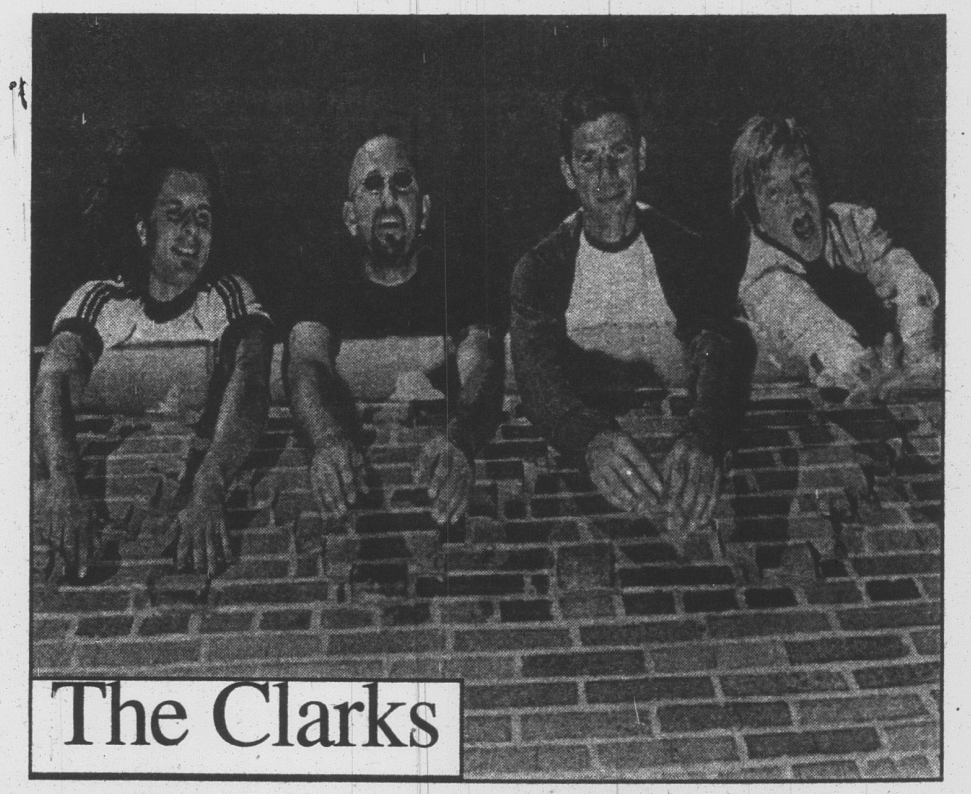
Westminster College

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Orr Lobby
Carnival Booths, Mardi Gras Royalty,
Free Mask Decorating with prizes awarded.
Save your quarters to play Carnival games and win prizes.

7 p.m. Fireworks

8 p.m. in Orr Auditorium
The Clarks, in concert with special guest Grapevine
Non-WC Community $15.00 at the door
WC Community FREE with College ID

Sponsored by the Student Alumni Association and the Campus Programming Committee with major funding from the Student Government Association.



The Clarks

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New slate chosen for SGA

Photo by Sara Bozich

A student casts her vote for one of the two slates running for SGA leadership by secret ballot on Tuesday.

By Heidi Krieger
STAFF WRITER

The votes were counted by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. Slate one won the election 58% to 42% for the executive council of the Student Government Association.

"I feel very honored to have been chosen for this opportunity," President-elect Lindsey Braem said. "I am confident that my slate and I are going to work very well together."

Braem said one of the first changes her slate plans to make is moving the meetings to Phillips Lecture Hall so that they will have the use of a smart classroom to review agendas and teach parliamentary procedure.

Camille Hawthorne, one of the administrative advisors for SGA, said that the meetings will be held in the lecture hall starting March 28.

Vice-president-elect, Kylene Adams said they want to plan activities that the entire campus can enjoy but not have to put a lot of extra effort into--just show up and have fun.

Some of the activities may include a Singled-Out game in the Down Under and wacky quad games.

Adams also said they want to form a better connection between the senate and executive council. To do this, a senator training weekend is being planned for the fall.

Outgoing President Danyelle Muscarella said the new slate will do a good job.

"The four executive council members were executive committee chairs from the previous slate and I think that experience has taught them what will work and how to improve," Muscarella said.

Adams agreed that they have what it takes.

"I knew from the beginning that we would work well together, because we spent so much time choosing our chairs," Adams said. "We chose people we knew could get the job done."

The votes were counted by Hawthorne and intern Marcy Blaskowitz. Out of 1,295 students 519 voted.

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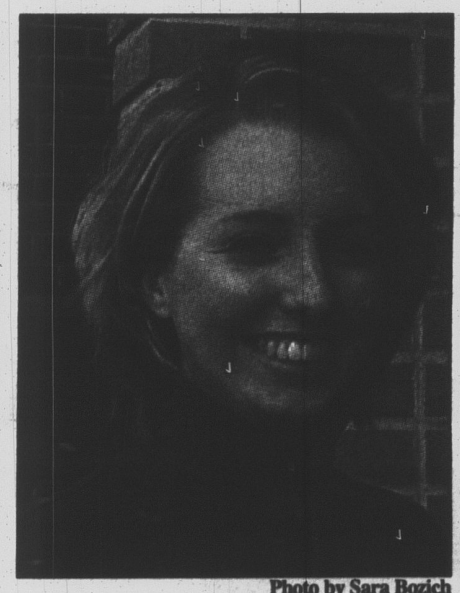

Photo by Sara Bozich

Lindsey Braem was named president-elect of SGA on Wednesday.

SGA Debates air student views of issues on campus

By Jodi Russo
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 14, 18 members of Westminster College debated for the new student government association offices.

Slate One consists of juniors Kylene Adams, Lindsey Braem, Dan DiDesiderio, Greg Marquis, Beau McElfresh, Anne Poland and Justin Young, sophomore Christina Contes and freshman Stefanie Maccaglia.

Slate Two consists of juniors Beau Hollowell, Brian Lytle, Andi Majot, Tara Severin, Nathan Tengowski, Lindsey Yankle, and Corrine Gaglia and sophomores Jeanna Kovacs and Al Starr.

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Argo wins top award

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

The Argo, the Westminster yearbook, recently received an award for its 2000 edition. The Herff Jones Showcase award was presented to *The Argo* for its excellence in a number of categories.

Herff Jones, a yearbook production company, recognized *The Argo* above all the other yearbooks the company produced last year, as an example of unity in design, consistency of layout, dynamic use of full and spot color, effective coverage and content and artistic use of type.

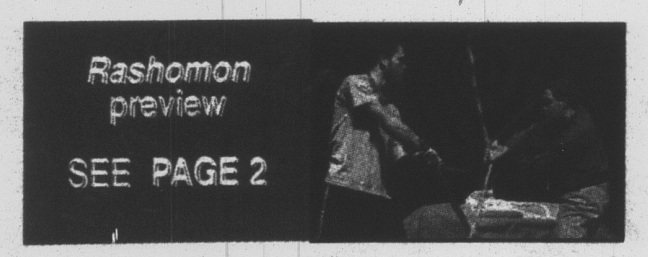
Also recognized was 2000 Editor in Chief, Andrea Bean. "She deserves special recognition for outstanding achievement," said Scott Marshall, plant manager of Herff Jones. "I join Lois Kazenski, your representative, in offering congratulations on a job well done," Marshall said.

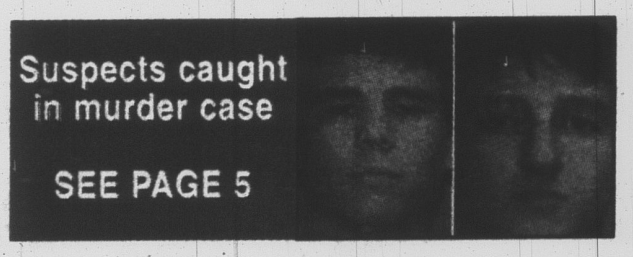
Assistant Editor and Layout Editor of the 2000 *Argo*, Jess Torick was pleased to hear the news. "Andrea and the rest of the staff put a lot of time and effort into making last year's *Argo* special," Torick said. "We hope to continue to improve and add on to that success this year." Torick is the Editor in Chief of the 2001 *Argo*.

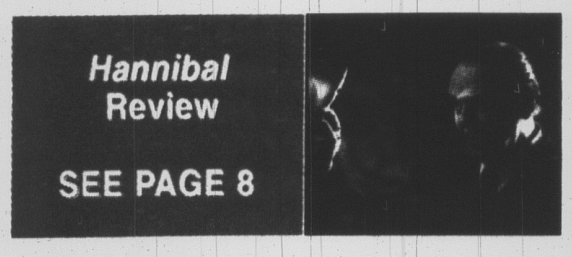
2001 Assistant Editor and Layout Editor Amanda Kengersky was also pleased with the award. "We should all be proud of Andrea and last year's *Argo* staff for the wonderful design, photography, and copy," she said. "We have a great yearbook to show for it."

The *Argo* is free to all students who reserve a copy. Reservations are still being accepted for the 2001 edition, which will be distributed during the upcoming fall semester.

Anyone wishing to join The *Argo* staff for the 2001-02 school year should fill out an application, which will be available shortly after spring break. Positions include layout staff, public relations staff, copy staff, photography staff and business staff. Editorial positions are also available.







Weather

Friday: P. Cloudy high 37° low 18°

Saturday: Showers high 46° low 37°

Sunday: Rain high 55° low 32°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Vermont professor lectures about issues in Middle East

By David Field
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. in the Phillips Lecture Hall, Dr. F. Gregory Gause III gave a lecture, a part of the Diversity Symposium, about "The Causes of War and Instability in the Middle East."

According to Gause, professor at University of Vermont, there are three factors that determine why the Middle East has an unstable economy and is prone to crisis situations.

First, the growth of the strength of the states; governmental authority has increased turning down the possibilities of a market economy and democracy. This has led citizens of the states to revolt.

Second, the influence that the United States has on the Middle East. Two-thirds of the world's oil supply comes out of the Middle East region. Oil has proven to be essential to the U.S. economy. The U.S. government has taken an aggressive role in Middle East politics and how oil is distributed.

Senior international politics major Collins Fobanjong gave his opinion on the lecture.

"I particularly found it informative how Dr. Gause explained the reason that we are facing higher gas prices here in America," said Fobanjong. "It just goes to show that whatever happens in another country will affect the U.S. in some way, thus it is important for Americans to be informed on international current events."

Third and last is the crisis situation, which is mostly construed between the political loyalties of the Arabic and the Muslim cultures. The cultures are spread out through the region and divided by states and countries. In attempts to maintain unity, the cultures face conflicts with the state/governmental organizations, and adversary groups.

Dr. Andrea K. Grove, assistant professor of political science, believes that Dr. Gause did an excellent job explaining his aspect of the Middle East.

"His focus on transnational identities, the growth of the strength of the state as an institution, and the fact that many international actors see the region as having great strategic importance (especially the U.S.) are all themes I discuss in my classes—so it was exciting to see my students and the entire crowd make the connections between concepts and reality," said Grove.

She went on to explain how Dr. Gause related the topic with the students, faculty and staff at Westminster, saying that "Dr. Gause's talk kept the crowd captivated as he wove history and current events into a tale explaining the relative weight of cultural, strategic and political factors."

Sophomore international business major Katie Behling expressed her attitude on the Diversity Symposium and Gause as a lecturer.

"Dr. Gause was a very good speaker," said Behling. "It was interesting to learn why the Middle East is engaged in controversy."

Gause, a Ph. D. graduate from Harvard in political science in1987, is fluent in Arabic after living in Cairo, Egypt for one year in 1982. He has traveled back to the Islamic region more than 25 times since then.

Gause earned his bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, 1980, summa cum laude.

Prior to working at the University of Vermont, Gause worked for Columbia University, 1987-1995, while maintaining "Fellow" for Arab and Islamic Studies at the Council of Foreign Relations in New York.

Theater Westminster presents *Rashomon*, opening soon

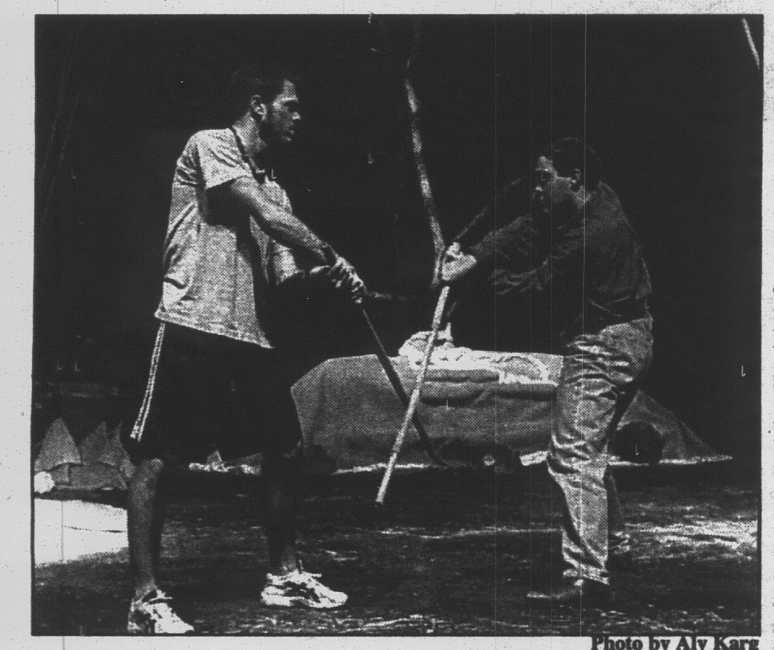

Photo by Aly Karg
Matt Nichols and Drew Huston practice a combat scene.

By Heidi Krieger
STAFF WRITER

A murder trial will be held at Westminster on Mar. 1- 4...on the stage of Beeghly Theater, that is.

Theater Westminster will be presenting *Rashomon*, a play about a murder told from the perspectives of four different people.

"The audience is basically the court," said Paul Kimpel, guest director. "They [the characters] address the audience as if the judge is out there."

The play is set in Kyoto, Japan about 1,000 years ago. It's about a samurai and his wife who are traveling through the woods. At some point the samurai is found dead. The audience hears four different versions of what really happens.

"It tries to show truth and yet when it's all over with, we don't really know what truth is," said Kimpel.

Kimpel, who worked with the Youngstown Playhouse for 35 years, is responsible for bringing *Rashomon* to campus. He'd done it years ago and liked it, so when the theater department asked him if there was a show he would like to do, he said *Rashomon*.

Rachel Helgeson, a senior theater major, is assistant director. She said that Kimpel and she work well together.

"He'll see something going on onstage that I totally miss and I'll see something else and then it just kind of balances out," Helgeson said. "It helps the cast and helps each other out, too."

The cast consists of 10 theater and non-theater majors.

"There's a lot of non-majors in this play and I think it adds a little bit of variety into what is going on in the theater department," Helgeson said. "And it gives theater majors a little bit of a break to sit back and watch other Westminster students shine."

Senior English and Latin major Mamiko Nakata decided to try out for two different reasons.

"Because it was Japanese and this is my senior year so I thought it would be an experience," Nakata said.

Phillip Webster, a first-year theater minor said he decided to try out to get experience and because he like the oriental theme.

Brian Barrett, a sophomore music performance major said he enjoys the small cast.

"It's a small cast so we all work closely together," he said.

So, why come see the play other than the choreographed sword fights (with real swords - dulled down so no one gets hurt)?

Sophomore Justin Kurtz said people should see it because of the great set design and because it's a very famous play.

The set consists of three areas: the court, the Rashomon gate and the center where the action occurs. This will be accented with a bamboo forest, projections and mist. Nakata said people will want to see it because it's different. "I think this is new to Theatre Westminster because it's Japanese and we really haven't had anything like this for a couple years."

Helgeson agreed that it brings some multicultural diversity to Westminster.

Rashomon is based on short stories written by Ryunosuke Akutagawa. It was made into a Japanese film and appeared on Broadway in 1959.

Cast members include Barrett as Priest, Drew Huston as Husband, Sara Kimbell as Prologue, Kurtz as Woodcutter, Courtney Lovich as Mother, Nakata as Wife, Matt Nichols as Tajomaru, Jen Smith as Wigmaker, Sarah Lourraine Washington as Medium and Webster as Deputy.

Rashomon will be presented Mar. 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Mar. 4 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are free for Westminster students and faculty and $5 for the public.

Bowl for Kid's Sake to raise funds for Big Brothers/Big Sisters

By JoAnn Lewis
STAFF WRITER

The organization of Brother/Big Sisters (BBBS) is looking for volunteers. If you are willing to mentor a child for three hours a week, becoming a Big (big brother or sister) may be something to consider.

"It's tough to say who gets more out of the program, the adults or the children," said Michael Johnson, former director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Butler County.

Senior Summerlea Hobbs and junior Courtney Panik are serving internships at BBBS. The students are involved with the Bowl for Kid's Sake fund-raising campaign.

"The money will be used to help children get a big brother or sister," Panik said. "It's a good cause and promises to be a day full of fun."

The process to become a volunteer is simple. After candidates complete an application and interview, a visit to their home is scheduled. If all the standards of BBBS are met, the volunteer is accepted into the program.

Each Big is matched up with a child who has similar interests and background.

"There is often a misconception about the program," Johnson said. "All the kids aren't bad, nor are they from low-income families. They're just kids that need role models."

Volunteers are asked to spend at least three hours every week with the kids. If a visit is missed another type of contact that week is expected.

"The consistency is very important," Johnson said. "We had a Big that was traveling on business and gone for ten days. He called his little brother every day. The boy tracked the calls on a map with colored thumbtacks. The kids need to know that they can count on the adults."

The BBBS quickly tries to make matches for every child, most chapters, however, have a waiting list of boys interested in a big brother. For information on how to become a volunteer, call the local chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters at (724) 657-3680.

The Bowl for Kid's Sake fund-raiser will be held at Colonial Lanes, Rt. 18, New Castle on March 31, noon to 5 p.m. For details, contact Courtney Panik on campus at EXT 7633.

Ceramic sculptor Herb Weaver gives art talk

By Alyson Karg
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Feb. 15, artist Herb Weaver spoke about his work, which has been displayed in the Patterson gallery. Weaver is known for his ability to transform organic clay into mechanical-looking parts.

When looking at a piece for the first time, it looks as if it's made of tools such as bolts, clamps and pipes. Upon further examination, one can see that these machine-like creations are made entirely out of clay.

"I like to mess with clay to the point where it looks so real that people have to touch it," Weaver said.

Weaver explained each of the pieces in the gallery, which consisted of ceramic sculptures, mixed-media paintings and a collection of mono-prints. He also talked of his inspiration for artwork and experience participating in various art shows.

Some of his pieces include "Mt. Flushmore," a mixed-media piece designed to look like a urinal. The presidents' faces of Mt. Rushmore help form the basin of the urinal, and bits of garbage, gum and cigarette butts surround the piece. Flowing water mixed with a little yellow food coloring and soapsuds helps to add a realistic effect. The piece was rejected at some art shows because it was accused of "poking fun at an American landmark." Weaver had no disrespect for the landmark itself, but for the unkempt condition of the area.

"It was a junk pile out there, covered with trash and parked cars. [The piece] is quite gross, but that's the way I was feeling at the time," Weaver said.

One painting, "Table Saw Shrine," is an example of how Weaver incorporates his own life experiences into art. He had always loved working with tools and mechanics. The painting was a tribute to his favorite tool, an old table saw, which was recently broken. "That table saw and I helped build many houses together, and I wanted to demonstrate the influence of tools in my artwork," Weaver said.

Weaver is currently an art professor at Bethany College in West Virginia, where he teaches ceramics, sculpture, 3-D design, art history and art education. He is also the fine arts department chairperson. His theory for teaching art is a simple one.

"Learning must be a stimulating experience for the teacher as well as the student. I want the students to wonder about my sanity, to keep them guessing, to keep them alert," Weaver said.

He has participated in over 100 art shows nationwide and has won 13 awards for his artwork. In each of his pieces, he demonstrates a love of art and working with his hands. "I attempt for my artwork to be an exclamation against boredom. I intend for my work to be a welcome relief from reality," Weaver said.

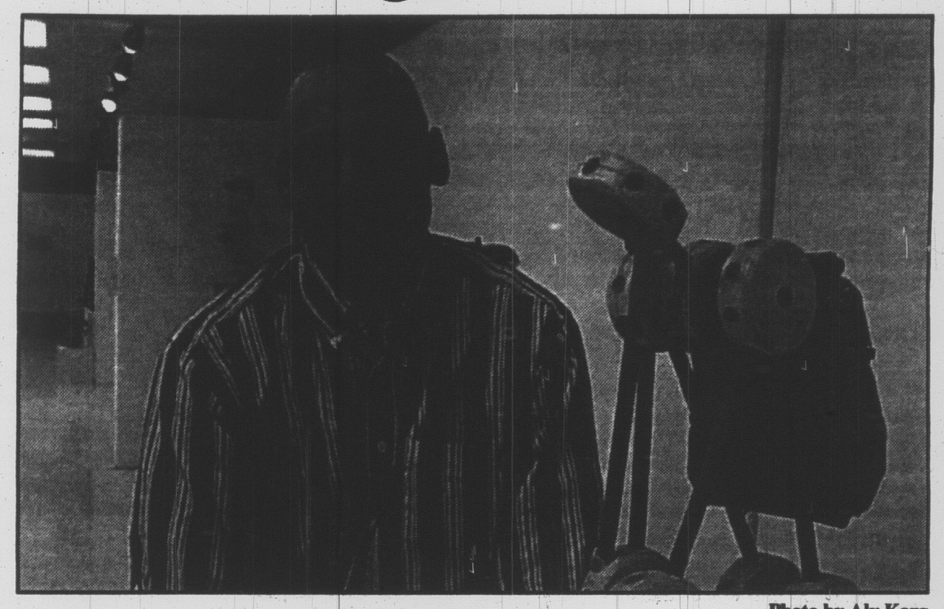

Photo by Aly Karg
Herb Weaver stands by one of his pieces in the art gallery after his talk.

He also uses art in order to communicate his perceptions of the world around us. "Each art piece represents my existence in bits and pieces - my struggles, happiness, questions - a short story that I need to disclose," Weaver said.

Weaver is originally from Harrisonburg, VA. He graduated from Eastern Mennonite University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in art education and from James Madison University in 1985 with a master's in ceramics.

Fraternities to lose seniors; gain pledges on Pick-up day

By Nicholas D'Antonio
STAFF WRITER

One of the most exciting days at Westminster is rapidly approaching. Spring pick-up day for the fraternities is scheduled for Saturday, Feb 24.

Each fraternity starts the day with a brotherhood breakfast, followed by the pick-up ceremony. After the ceremony, the new pledges spend the afternoon with their fraternity in an afternoon activity. The day is finished with a gourmet dinner. Each event will be visited and graded by a counsel of peers to find out which fraternity had the best pick-up day.

"Pick-up day is a great day for fraternities across campus," said Kenneth Weaver, president of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Last year, the Alpha Sigs won the dinner event and played paintball as their afternoon activity.

"We are losing 22 seniors, but we feel that we have a strong group of underclassmen that will carry on our tradition. We also look forward to welcoming new men into our fraternity," Weaver said.

Sigma Nu won the afternoon activity last pick-up day by utilizing Titan Traverse.

"We think pick-up day will go well. We have a committee of upperclassmen planning the day's activities," said Joe Korcinsky, president of Sigma Nu.

Korcinsky's believes pick-up day is "a good event because the Greeks do a lot that the campus doesn't see. This event is a time to show just how involved we really are on the campus. It shows how well the fraternities are organized and how well the brothers band together."

Sigma Nu is losing 12 seniors.

Phi Kappa Tau was the winner of the brotherhood breakfast and played football as their afternoon activity last year.

Phi Tau's president, Ken Shultz enjoys "how (pick-up day) is a traditional event and shows Greek unity. I also like how we do everything different each year to keep things new."

Phi Tau is losing 11 seniors.

Sigma Phi Epsilon won the pick-up day ceremony last year with a display of Zambelli fireworks and a traditional ceremony. Their afternoon activity was a CPR class and games in the field house.

"I definitely think that it is something that brings the campus together, especially with the number of students who turnout," said Beau McElfresh, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The Sig Eps are losing 10 seniors.

Theta Chi went roller-skating and played laser tag for their afternoon activity.

Chris Leas, president of Theta Chi, views pick-up day as "a day that builds enthusiasm among the brothers. We get pumped up. It's an exciting day for our new members as well. I feel that the campus looks forward to it, also."

Theta Chi is losing 6 seniors.

"Pick-up day is fun for people who aren't Greek. They get to see the activities and it puts the spotlight on the fraternities and the independents who were picked up. It's their day," Korcinsky said.

Senior Alpha Sig Jay Lundy said, "I have never been more excited about a pick-up day, except for my own."

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Voting took place Feb. 20 and 21 in the TUB or by e-mail.

"I feel our slate did a good job conveying our goals and ideas by directly answering the questions," Braem said.

Other members of slate one were not as happy with the results of the debates.

"I was offended by a remark made by the opposing slate regarding the homecoming pep rallies. As special events chair this past year, I was the one to plan the pep rally," Poland said. "If the senators or homecoming candidates felt that it should have been done differently I wish they would have approached me about it instead of criticizing me at the debates."

Braem also added, "I think we had a very positive attitude and were enthusiastic about the future of SGA; I wish the other slate had taken that same approach."

At the debates the two slates expressed the ideas they had for SGA and their future goals. The two slates went back and forth answering a set of questions that were turned in by the senate.

Some topics that were included in the debates were first-year student involvement, student apathy, academic changes and changes in SGA.

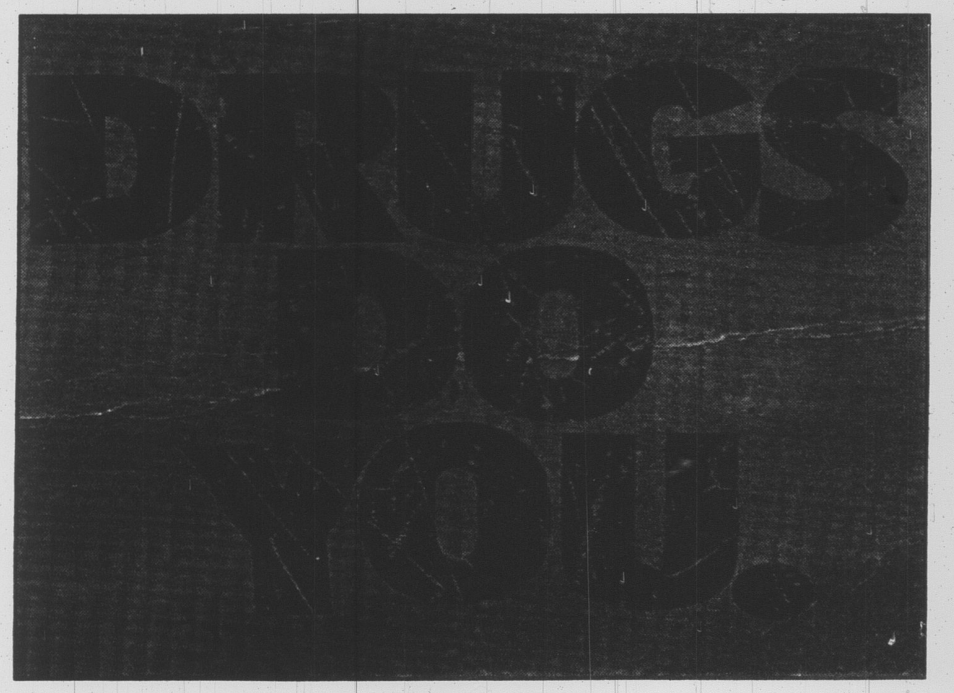
Many students attended the debates to see where the two slates stood on numerous issues.

"The debates were very informative. I liked to see different standpoints on the issues from the different slates," junior Allison McClymonds said.

The members of Slate Two felt that the debate went really well.

"What I think was really great was that our platforms were very similar. Either slate would be perfect for the job," Severin said.

Beau Hollowell agreed that "the debates showed that both slates have good ideas and the best interest of SGA at heart. We just wish the other slate the best of luck in the upcoming elections."



AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Duquesne freshman hospitalized, attacker questioned

By Jonathan D. Silver
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

A Duquesne University freshman football player has been evicted from his dormitory and faces criminal charges following his arrest for stomping another student's face so badly that he left footprints.

Bruce Bradley Potts, 19, was picked up by campus police at 4:15 a.m. Sunday, about two hours after he was accused of fighting with junior Michael Gross, 20, at the Duquesne Towers dormitory on campus.

Potts, a linebacker from Beaver, is listed as Brad Potts in the football team's 2000 media guide.

"It's no big deal," Potts insisted yesterday during a brief telephone interview.

An unknown number of other freshman football players were also involved in the assault. All face disciplinary hearings before the university's judicial board and have been suspended by the university from living on campus, Duquesne spokeswoman Ann Rago said.

It was unclear whether they would be allowed to continue playing for Duquesne. Neither Athletic Director Brian Colleary nor football coach Greg Gattuso returned a call seeking comment.

Rago added that the university was investigating the incident and the Rev. Sean Hogan, executive vice president for student life, was interviewing students and their parents.

Potts and the others are accused of attacking Gross early Sunday. The group also assaulted another student, Kevin Harrigan, 22, of the South Side.

Also hit in the melee was Rick Gunter, 20, who lives on campus.

"I was just standing in the hall near my room when about five guys came looking for this one guy, Gross. They couldn't find him at first, so they just started hitting people," said Gunter.

Earlier that night, the group had been involved in some sort of fight at a bar, according to a police report. They all met again in the lounge of the Towers dormitory ninth floor, which houses freshman football players.

Police said Potts knocked Gross down with a fire extinguisher. He then stomped Gross's head and chest.

Gross was taken to Mercy Hospital, where he was treated for bruises, cuts and closed head trauma. He is staying with his parents in Brookline.

Rago said she was not sure how the group got into the Towers. To enter the building, students must show identification to a guard on duty 24 hours a day, or residents must sign guests in.

Potts was a resident of St. Ann's Hall and Gross lives on the South Side Slopes. Potts is charged with aggravated assault, disorderly conduct and criminal conspiracy. He left jail Sunday after posting $5,000 bond and is scheduled to return to court for a preliminary hearing Feb. 28.

Erie girl raped; police asking for information

By Rhonda Miller
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

The brutal rape of an 8-year-old Erie girl has triggered an around-the-clock manhunt to capture the attacker because investigators fear he will strike again.

The girl was forcibly taken from the bedroom of her home in the 1800 block of Myrtle Street on the west side of the city Thursday night, said Erie Deputy Police Chief Dennis Tobin. She was raped, choked with a piece of bedsheet, then left in a parking lot.

The girl is recovering at Children's Hospital in Oakland and was listed in good condition yesterday.

Some 50 police officers have fanned out across the area to gather evidence. Many authorities involved in the investigation said yesterday they were working 16-hour days.

"We're combing the neighborhoods, talking to the people who see what's going on," said Tobin. "We're using every bit of information that we get. We'll work 24 hours a day until we catch this person. We're not going to let him strike again."

The attack occurred between 6 and 9 p.m., the time the girl's 14-year-old sister was gone from their house.

"We believe that the man had been watching the house, was peeking in the windows and knew about the family members," said Tobin. "From our investigation, we believe that on this night, he saw the older sister go out and knew he had an opening to go into the house and abduct the younger girl.

"From our investigation and from our experience, we don't think that this is the first time this man has done something like this, and we believe he's capable of doing it again," Tobin said.

The FBI and the Erie County district attorney are assisting Erie police in the case.

Tobin said the rapist likely entered through an unlocked door.

The attacker took the girl to an area within 10 blocks of her home, raped her, choked her, then left her in the parking lot of a trucking company in the same area.

"She was found by two truckers who heard her crying," said Tobin. "It was about 20 degrees and snowing. She was in a soaking wet T-shirt and thin pants and she couldn't walk at the time."

Police are requesting that anyone with information call 814 870-1150.

Local boy advocates Ten Commandments in school

NEW WILMINGTON (AP) -- A high school student who was told he couldn't hang the Ten Commandments on his locker has decided he'll hang them on himself.

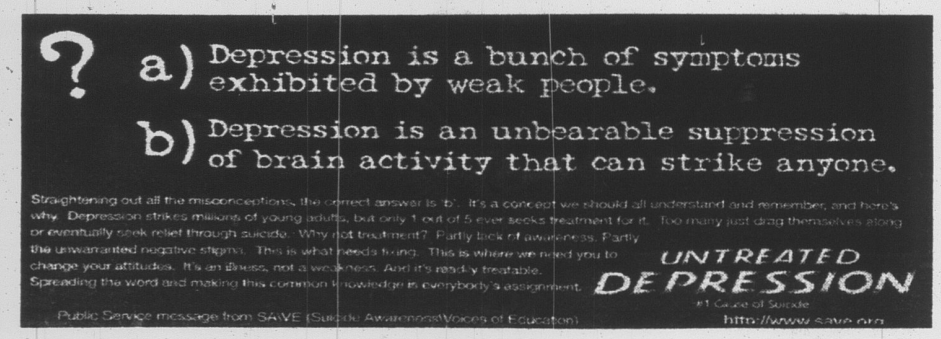
Chris Cotelesse has been wearing a homemade sandwich board bearing the commandments in the hallways of Wilmington High School for about three weeks.

He says he's wearing the Ten Commandments because school officials in New Wilmington, about 50 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, won't let him post them on his locker.

He says people still need to see the word of God, and with nowhere else to hang them, he had to go with himself.

Despite his opposition to religious material posted on school property, principal William Lyon says he has no problem with the ready-to-wear religious statement.

Cotelesse says he plans to wear the sandwich board for the remainder of the school year and also across the stage when he graduates.



NATIONAL

Teens suspected of double murder apprehended

NEW CASTLE, Ind. (AP) - One of the teen-agers charged in the slayings of two Dartmouth College professors agreed not to fight extradition to New Hampshire, his attorney said Tuesday.

Robert Tulloch, 17, was expected to be turned over to New Hampshire authorities later Tuesday.

"I've advised him that by doing this, by no means is it an indication of guilt," his Indiana lawyer, Edward Dunsmore, told Judge Michael Peyton.

A hearing for the other teen, 16-year-old James Parker, was delayed until his lawyer could arrive from New Hampshire, Henry County sheriff Kim Cronk said.

Both face adult charges of two counts of first-degree murder in the Jan. 27 stabbing deaths of professors Half and Susanne Zantop at Hanover, N.H., more than 700 miles from New Castle.

The two teen-agers were picked up early Monday by a police officer who had been monitoring CB radio traffic. Sgt. William Ward overheard a message from trucker James Hicks, who said he was carrying two young hitchhikers who were looking for a ride to California.

Ward got on the radio and pretended to be a trucker himself, saying the boys should be dropped at a nearby truck stop for a ride.

"I actually didn't expect it to be them, but I thought it was worth checking out," Ward said Monday.

Instead of a trucker willing to give them a ride, the teens were met by deputies at the Flying J Plaza on Interstate 70.

Hicks, who had been hauling a load of M&M candy to Chicago, said he decided to give the pair a ride from Columbia, N.J., because they reminded him of his 17- and 13-year-old sons at home, and a 14-year-old son killed in a motorcycle accident in October. He told The Boston Globe he "just felt sorry for them."

Hicks was fired because of his company's strict policy against picking up hitchhikers.

Authorities have refused to discuss a motive or any connection between the boys and the victims, who were stabbed repeatedly in their home.

Half Zantop, 62, taught earth sciences. His wife, Susanne Zantop, 55, was chairwoman of the German Studies Department. Both were naturalized citizens who were natives of Germany.

Orange County, Vt., Sheriff Dennis McClure said the boys became suspects in the Dartmouth case after authorities learned one had bought a military-style knife on the Internet.

The boys were asked last Thursday to come in and provide their fingerprints, which they did voluntarily. They are believed to have left their hometown of Chelsea, Vt., the same day. Arrest warrants for both were issued and a manhunt began during the weekend.

A car belonging to Parker's parents was found Sunday at Sturbridge, Mass.

The boys told Hicks when he picked them up in New Jersey that they had hitchhiked to Massachusetts to look for work but were returning to California because they'd had no luck.

They didn't seem particularly scared, just "worn out," said Hicks, 45, of Sumter, S.C. "They didn't want to talk. I didn't even get their names."

As police were taking them away, Hicks said, one of the boys - he's not sure which one - looked him in the eye and said "'I'm sorry' They seemed sorry they did that to me."

He had given the boys $10 for breakfast. "After they got arrested, I told the deputy to get my money back. He did. There is free food in jail," Hicks said.

Hicks said he had no regrets at being fired by Marten Transport of Mondovi, Wis. Company officials wouldn't comment.

"Everything seemed so set up for them to be captured here, maybe it's the way it was supposed to happen," Hicks said. "I actually feel lucky."

AP File Photo

Tulloch and Parker await trial.

National Briefs

FBI agent charged with espionage

WASHINGTON - An FBI agent accused of giving the KGB the names of three Russian intelligence agents working for the U.S. was arrested and accused of spying for Moscow, the FBI said Tuesday. Robert Philip Hanssen is only the third FBI agent ever accused of spying.

Israel's Barak refuses defense post

JERUSALEM - Outgoing Israel Prime Minister Ehud Barak informed his successor Ariel Sharon late Tuesday that he will not serve as defense minister. Less than a week ago, Barak accepted Sharon's offer to serve in the defense post.

Atlantis lands in California

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - Space shuttle Atlantis and its crew landed in the Mojave Desert on Tuesday after three straight days of bad weather prevented the ship from returning to its Florida home port.

Exxon hit with $500M verdict

MIAMI - Exxon cheated 10,000 station owners out of $500 million over a 12-year period with inflated wholesale fuel prices, a federal court jury decided Tuesday. The judge could decide later to add interest to the jury's $500 million award, which would raise the verdict's value to $1 billion.

Time Warner loses appeal against cable limits

WASHINGTON - Cable television giant Time Warner Entertainment lost a Supreme Court appeal Tuesday that tried to keep the government from limiting the number of customers the largest companies can serve.

Firefighters battle large Florida wildfire

POLK CITY, Fla. - A wildfire in central Florida has forced the evacuation of dozens of homes, the closure of part of a key east-west highway and the relocation of some prison inmates. The wind-driven fire in Polk County had consumed 11,000 acres by early Tuesday.

John Ramsey surprises burglar at his home

ATLANTA - John Ramsey surprised a burglar in his home Tuesday and fought with the man before the intruder fled, his lawyer said. Attorney Lin Wood said Ramsey was not seriously injured in the altercation at the home in northwest Atlanta.

Dale Earnhardt killed in Daytona 500

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - A private funeral service for Dale Earnhardt will be held Thursday at Calvary Church in Charlotte.

The church will open at 10 a.m., and the 30-minute service will begin at noon. The service is open to immediate family, employees and sponsors of Dale Earnhardt Inc. and Richard Childress Racing, NASCAR Winston Cup teams and tracks and NASCAR.

Earnhardt, a seven-time Winston Cup champion, was killed in a last-lap crash during Sunday's Daytona 500.

"Because it is impossible to accommodate the tremendous outpouring of support from those who followed Dale, we are unable to open the service to the public," NASCAR said Tuesday in a statement.

"With that in mind the family has chosen to broadcast the service live on television, enabling fans across the country to share in this service for Dale."

The service will be broadcast live on Fox Sports Net.

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"I was really impressed that 40% of the campus voted," Muscarella said. "That was more than previous years. It proves to me that the campus cares."

The new slate will be sworn in at the SGA banquet on March 7.

SGA meetings are usually held at 7 p.m. in 116 Freeman Hall and are open to the entire student community. Next week the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. because of Ash Wednesday.

INTERNATIONAL

Iran Interior Ministry has Wedding Day

AP File Photo

Iranian couples gather at mass wedding.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - With unemployment soaring high enough in Iran to keep many young people from saving the money they need to get married, government officials planned something romantic and cheap: mass weddings.

Wedding day at the Interior Ministry Monday included dancing, folk music, gifts and some 700 young couples exchanging vows. Another 850 pairs got hitched in the same huge hall the day before, and organizers - who are representatives of Iran's supreme leader - said 14,000 couples were expected to do the same in Tehran and other cities around the country during this week of mass weddings.

The general director of the project, Ahmad Bahraini, says the purpose is to "encourage marriage among our young people and invite the public to hold modest celebrations in order to save money."

Many young Iranian men do not get married before they are 30 because it is too difficult to save enough money. Many couples come to Tehran from country villages for the jammed mass weddings.

Unofficial figures put unemployment at over 30%.

On Monday, men in khaki hats and baggy red trousers danced, women watched and clapped in encouragement.

Bahraini, who represents supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei at a Tehran university, said he began organizing mass weddings in 1998 with only 150 student couples. By last year, the number of couples had risen to 1,000.

Each couple receives as presents a gold coin, a copy of the Koran - the Muslim holy book, a blanket and a license for a telephone line.

They also take part in a big party with bands from their districts playing traditional music. As Iran's strict interpretation prohibits men and women from dancing in public, it is the men who dance and their wives and female guests clap in encouragement.

"I'm spending the happiest moments of my life. Today's colorful ceremony will remain a sweet memory for us," said Zahra Nowruzi, a bride in a white chador - a head-to-toe garment that covers all but the face and hands.

Teenage monk escapes Tibet, heads to India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - A teenage monk who escaped Chinese-controlled Tibet last year is about to begin a pilgrimage to some of Buddhism's holiest sites in northern India, Tibetan officials said Tuesday.

The 17th Karmapa - one of the most senior monks, or lamas, in Tibetan Buddhism - has been given permission by the Indian government to visit the towns of Sarnath, Varanasi and Bodhgaya, officials of the Tibetan exile government said.

The three towns are considered among the holiest of Buddhist shrines in India. Buddhists believe the founder of their religion achieved enlightenment at Bodhgaya.

The 15-year-old lama, Thinley Dorje, is also head of the Karma Kagyu sect.

The exact dates of his 27-day pilgrimage will not be revealed due to security reasons, said Karma Yuthok, minister for religion and culture in the Dalai Lama's government-in-exile in Dharmsala.

Newspapers have reported, however, that he would travel from New Delhi to the Hindu holy town of Varanasi on the Ganges River on Feb. 22.

"The purpose of the Karmapa's travels is to pay his respects at some of the Buddhist holy sites in India," said Yuthok.

The lama eluded the Chinese guards at his monastery in Tibet and trekked across the Himalayan Mountains to India last year.

His movements were restricted after his arrival but New Delhi granted the Karmapa refugee status on Feb. 3, giving him more freedom to travel in India.

Even with Tibetan refugee status, however, the Karmapa cannot travel to the Rumtek Monastery, seat of his predecessor. The former Himalayan Buddhist kingdom of Sikkim lies in an area that China claims.

He has also been denied permission to visit Shearabling, a monastic center in northern India considered of great significance to Tibetan Buddhists.

The Dalai Lama, who fled Tibet after a failed 1959 revolt against Chinese rule, was followed to northern India by more than 120,000 refugees who settled with him in the Indian mountain town of Dharmsala.

The Karmapa said he came to the mountain town of Dharmsala because he wanted to study with his tutors, who had not been allowed to visit him in China.

International Briefs

Sweden detains suspected spy for Russia

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Swedish police have detained a suspected spy, security officials said Tuesday. Authorities would not reveal the nationality or gender of the suspect, but a Swedish newspaper reported that it was a man who was working for Russia. The suspect was reportedly detained Monday on suspicion of grave espionage, a charge that means the suspected activities were harmful to Sweden, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Mugabe targets journalists

HARARE, Zimbabwe - President Robert Mugabe lashed out at international journalists and foreign governments, threatening to ban them from future elections to keep their "dirty, interfering hands" out of the Zimbabwe's affairs. Monday night's warning follows a weekend crackdown on foreign journalists, in which two newsmen were ordered deported.

China puts best foot forward

BEIJING - To China's leaders, the push to bring the 2008 Olympic Games to Beijing is all about national prestige and redemption for losing the 2000 Games to Sydney. To land the Olympics, Beijing has launched an offensive that includes everything from a plan to replace or improve the city's 6,400 public toilets to a massive environmental makeover. This week, the International Olympic Committee is starting its tour of the five cities vying for the Games, and Beijing is the first stop.

Sentier trial under way in France

PARIS - One of the largest fraud trials ever to be conducted in France opened on Tuesday, with 124 people charged with swindling banks and insurance companies out of $77 million in a scam based in the Parisian garment district. The Sentier trial, as it is known here, implicates more than 700 small shops and businesses mostly in the garment district called the Sentier. The area is known for its backroom clothing factories that traditionally employ immigrant labor.

Activists at Daewoo Motors clash with police

BUPYONG, South Korea - Activists hurled gasoline bombs at club-wielding riot officers Tuesday during a protest against a police raid on striking workers at a Daewoo Motors plant a day earlier. Protesters burned two empty police buses while marching toward the plant at Bupyong near Seoul. The rally, which drew about 600 people, was organized by the Korea Confederation of Trade Unions, one of two umbrella labor groups.

Yeltsin's recovery taking longer than expected

MOSCOW - Former president Boris Yeltsin is taking longer than expected to recover from what has been described as a bad case of flu. Three weeks ago, Yeltsin was rushed to the Central Clinical Hospital, which treats the Russian political elite, for treatment of a fever and suspected viral infection. At the time, treatment was expected to last at least several days. Vladimir Shevchenko, Yeltsin's protocol chief, said Yeltsin was recovering "not as quickly" as hoped.

Germany tackles hate crimes, neo-Nazis

FORST, Germany - Plagued by a sharp rise in hate crimes, Germany is forming special federal police units to counter neo-Nazis and is considering a program to turn skinheads into informers. Germany's top law enforcement official on Monday visited a federal police station in eastern Brandenburg state with one of the new teams. The number of hate attacks rose dramatically to 13,753 crimes between January 2000 and November, an increase of 45% from the year before.

Philippines orders cease-fire with Muslim rebels

MANILA, Philippines - The Philippines' new president on Tuesday announced a cease-fire with the main Muslim rebel group in Mindanao, a resource-rich but economically backward region where fighting has claimed more than 120,000 lives. The Moro Islamic Liberation Front has been fighting for three decades to separate the Muslim-majority region from the Philippines, which is mainly Roman Catholic.

Strong earthquake hits Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam - A rare earthquake and most likely the strongest to hit Vietnam in a decade damaged many houses and sent panicked residents into the streets, where they stayed all night to avoid aftershocks, officials said Tuesday. The 5.3-magnitude quake struck the town of Dien Bien Phu Monday night, said Ho Sy Lam of the provincial People's Committee. Aftershocks continued until Tuesday morning, he said. Many houses were damaged, and several people were injured as they tried to escape, including some who jumped from balconies, Lam said.

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SPORTS

Titans finish with 7 game winning streak

By Paula Devido
STAFF WRITER

The Titans added two more wins to end the year with a seven game winning streak. The final two games were played this past week. Wednesday was the final game played at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium against Washington & Jefferson. The final score was 104-75 with a combined effort from five seniors scoring 79 points between them. "It was a great way to finish the season at home and for the seniors to finish their careers here," coach Jim Daffler said. The Titans' overall record was 19-6.

Saturday the team came out on top again with a win against Grove City, 83-70.

Leading Westminster was senior forward Chad Phillips with an all-time high of 25 points.

Senior Henry Klinar had eight rebounds for the Titans.

Five seniors, Henry Klinar, Chad Phillips, Andy Wormsley, Jim Klipa and J. P. Maszczak played their final game and have made it a season they will never forget. The team and fans realize they will have some big shoes to fill next year.

For four years, seniors Klinar, Wormsley, and Phillips have been a driving force on the team and have made Westminster history.

Together the three have scored more than 1,000 points in their careers at Westminster and were also leading scorers this season. "I think maybe the most important thing is that they have worked hard as anybody to try to maintain the Titan tradition of excellence in basketball," Daffler said.

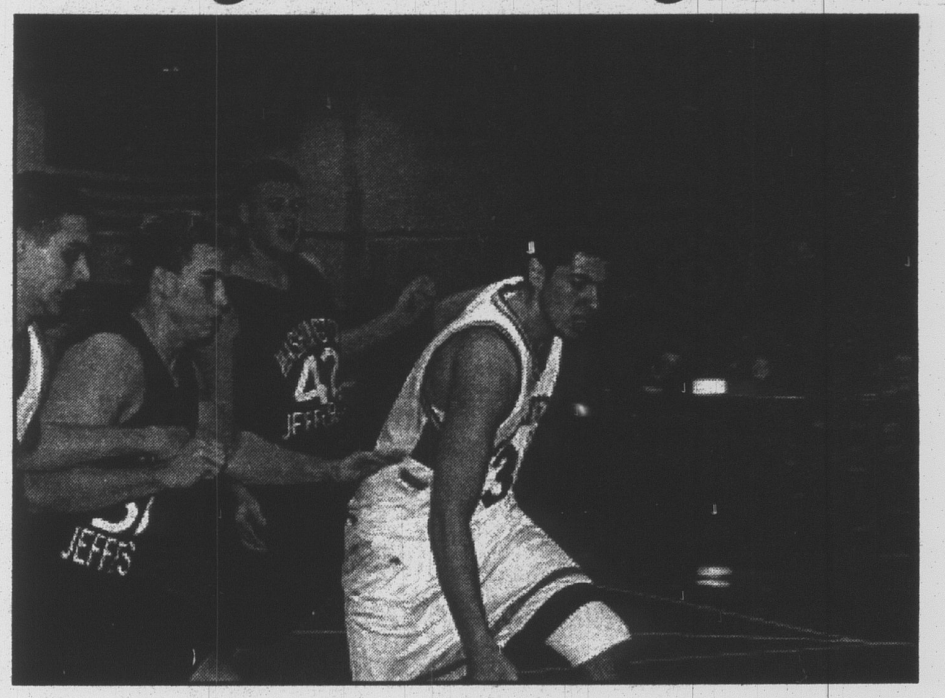


Photo by Aly Karg

Greg Foster takes the ball upcourt and away from the other team.

One thing is certain, Daffler and the Titans will miss Klinar, Phillips and Wormsley when they graduate. "It will be a big challenge for the guys because we'll have a few big pairs of shoes to fill. I am just going to relish the fact that I had the chance to coach them and I am not going to think too much about the future," Daffler said.

He went on to say, "I want to wish them well and I hope they get everything they want in their lives because they have been great for this program and also for our college." The Titans had a great year, one the students, coaches, faculty and parents will remember for years to come.

Lady Titans close record-breaking season

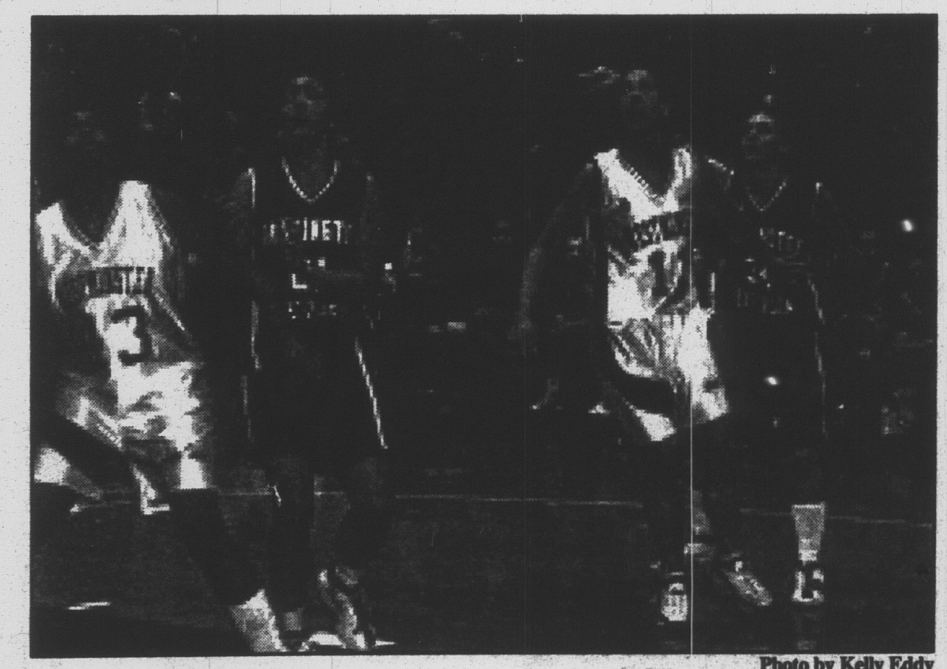


Photo by Kelly Eddy

Members of the girls' team try to get the ball on the rebound.

By Mindy Falk
STAFF WRITER

The 2000-01 Lady Titan basketball team made the record books last week with their victories over Washington & Jefferson and Grove City Colleges, by winning 12 consecutive games this season.

The Lady Titans defeated their President's Athletic Conference (PAC) rival Washington & Jefferson College with a score of 79-61 on February 14th in the Buzz Ridl Gymnasium.

The first four points of the games were scored by the Lady Titans, and they never lost the lead from that moment. They went into intermission with an advantage of 39-23 points. The score was 77-50 with 3:06 left in the second half of the game.

Junior guard, Robin Thayer, led the Lady Titans with a career-high of 29 points. Sophomore guards, Jaime Lynn and Ashley Kenney, each added 12 points to the game. Teale Ganster, sophomore center, followed with 11 points. Sophomore forward, Samor Himes had a game-high of seven rebounds, while her classmate Jennifer Petures had her game-high with four assists.

On February 17th, the Lady Titans broke the college's record for winning their 12th consecutive game at Grove City College. The old record of 11 consecutive wins was set in the 1987-88 Lady Titan's season.

Thayer said, "We are all very excited about breaking the record and having such a great season. This was our best season in the past three years that I have been playing for Westminster."

The Lady Wolverines were up by three points going into half time (28-25). However, the Lady Titans were able to regain their lead within the first 2:26 of the second half, and they never lost their advantage.

Thayer led again with a game-high of 17 points. Lynn added 13 points to the game. Omadee Curry, junior forward, had her team-high with seven points for the Lady Titans. Petures had a team-high with four assists.

The final score was 60-54. The Lady Titans ended their season with 16-9 overall and 10-0 against PAC rivals.

Ganster said, "It was a great season both on and off the court because our attitudes were positive and our friendships grew stronger."

Earnhardt Sr. is mourned by fans and family

He was to NASCAR what Michael Jordan is to basketball. His legacy as the greatest driver in the history of NASCAR will live on for centuries. Last Sunday, seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion, Dale Earnhardt Sr., was fatally injured in a multi-car accident on the final lap of the Daytona 500.

His wife was at his side before the race and at his bedside when he was pronounced dead. His son, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., ran from his second place finish to the scene of the accident after the race, and accompanied his father and stepmother to the hospital. This family has suffered an enormous loss, as does the extended NASCAR family, which lost its most popular driver. Fans wearing caps and T-shirts bearing Earnhardt's distinctive No. 3 openly wept and consoled each other around the infield area soon after the official announcement. Some knelt in prayer. Some reporters, longtime NASCAR veterans, broke down in tears in the pressroom. These people live this sport, and losing "The Intimidator" is like losing a close family member.

The irony of that final lap is haunting. The elder Earnhardt was Waltrip and Dale Jr.'s team owner. In addition, Waltrip's victory was Earnhardt's first Daytona 500 win as a team owner. His team gets the first two finishes in the race, and he's not alive to enjoy the accomplishment.

Earnhardt, 49, was Daytona's career victories leader and the winner of the 1998 Daytona 500. According to Dr. Steve Bohannon, the emergency medical services director at Daytona International Speedway who responded to the crash, Earnhardt was killed instantly.

Earnhardt started his 23rd Daytona 500 from the seventh position and was racing for third when the accident occurred. His No. 3 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet was bumped into the spin by Sterling Marlin's No. 40 Dodge between turns three and four of the 2.5-mile speedway as a tight pack of cars raced to the checkered flag. Rescue workers immediately responded and began administering oxygen and CPR to Earnhardt. He was pronounced dead at 5:16 at Halifax Medical Center with his wife, Teresa, at his side.

Earnhardt was the career victory leader at Daytona. His 34th career victory here came in the 2000 opening round of the True Value International Race of Champions. He made 676 starts in his Winston Cup career, which began in 1975. He was the 1975 Winston Cup Rookie of the Year and won his first championship the next season. He is sixth on the career Winston Cup victories list with 76 and was on a path to break Terry Labonte's current consecutive starts record of 655. Earnhardt's final start was his 649th straight. Earnhardt is also motorsport's leading all-time money winner with $41,639,662 in his career.

The tragedy will undoubtedly spur more debate and discussion regarding NASCAR safety and whether drivers should wear head and neck supports that have become standard equipment in CART and Formula One racing. The irony was that NASCAR altered the aerodynamics and adjusted the restrictor plates to slow down the cars in an effort to promote more entertaining superspeedway racing, giving the fans the frequent passing and lead changes they desire.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

STAMPER & STALEY

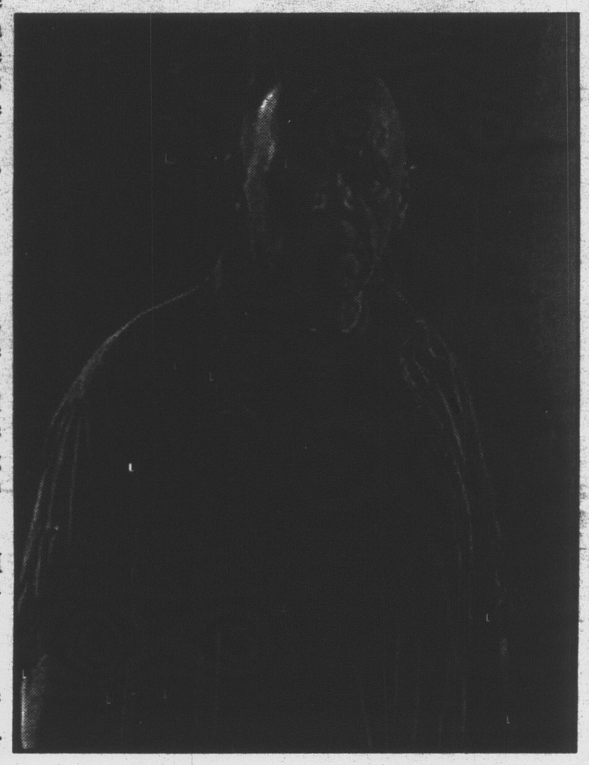
Hannibal

Joseph Stamper

Warning, do not go see *Hannibal* if you can't stand the sight of blood, flinched more than once during the opening scene of *Saving Private Ryan*, have ever gotten a cut and been afraid to look under the Band-Aid the next day, think chitterlings are too visually displeasing to eat, couldn't watch Michael kill the pig on Survivor II, are one of those people who throws up every time they see vomit, can't watch the Zapruder footage in slow motion, have no desire to see a man eat his own brain, or just really love spaghetti.

Yes, this is the nastiest movie I have ever seen.

In the sequel to *The Silence of the Lambs*, Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lector, played by Anthony Hopkins, escaped and found a home as a curator in Rome. It is not long before an Italian detective (Giancarlo Giannini) is hot on Hannibal's trail. The detective sells his information to Hannibal's only surviving victim, a billionaire pedophile named Mason Verger. Verger, who has established an elaborate revenge plot to repay Hannibal for feeding his face to a dog, bates FBI Special Agent Clarice Starling (Julianne Moore) into tracking down the cannibal.



Stamper's Four-Corner Breakdown

Date Movie- 2

Usually scary movies make the best date destinations but this movie is not scary in the typical sense. There are no tense moments where you don't really what to expect. The only thing unpredictable is how far director Ridley Scott will go to show the audience entrails. **Player's Tip:** if your significant other is sensitive about blood and guts, and has really made you angry as of late, tell him/her you're over the petty quarrel. Surprise your significant other by taking him/her to a movie. It's the perfect payback. You can always claim you didn't know the movie was so nauseating.

Special FX- 10

This movie does provide stunning visuals of Italy. In addition, I have never seen such an authentic disembowelment or a more convincing gouging.

Star Power-8

Anthony Hopkins rekindles his flame as Dr. Hannibal Lector. Despite his stellar performance, his character is demystified by the graphic depiction of his actions. Moore makes a good Clarice, partially because it's been such a long period of time since the release of *The Silence of the Lambs* and the audience will not remember the performance of Jodie Foster as Clarice. Hopefully the audience will not remember the chemistry between Hannibal and Clarice in the original movie because it has been written right out of the sequel.

Plot- 4

The plot of Hannibal is either so pretentious that a kid from Youngstown can't follow it or is simply none existent. The point of the film is gore. You can get a more educational experience on the surgery channel.

Overall- Avoid at all cost

The appeal of this movie is curiosity, akin to a child who is told repeatedly not to play with fire but does so until he gets burned. Like drivers on the freeway passing a horrid accident slowing down long enough to catch a glimpse of the mutilation, people will continue to go see this movie. I know a number of you will ignore this review, and I understand. It is just human nature.

Beth Staley

A lot of people are talking about *Hannibal*. Many of them insist that the movie must be viewed twice because the first viewing will cause people to close their eyes; whereas during the second viewing, people will be prepared for the horror.

The horror opens with Ray Liotta playing Paul Krendler, a surviving victim of Dr. Hannibal Lecter. Krendler possesses three distinct characteristics: tremendous wealth, tremendous disfiguration from Hannibal's cannibalistic experimentation, and a tremendous need for revenge against Hannibal. Thus, Krendler takes it upon himself to remain a few steps ahead of the FBI in search of Hannibal, who appears on the top ten of America's Most Wanted.

Because Hannibal is on this list, Florence policeman Pazzi (Giancarlo Giannini) recognizes the criminal, and decides to turn him in for a generous reward. Pazzi's reward comes from Krendler, and so Krendler begins to activate his plans to capture and torture Hannibal.

FBI agent Clarice Starling, played by Julianne Moore, is assigned to this case because of her former experience with Hannibal in the asylum in *Silence of the Lambs*. Starling has problems of her own, however. Her famous reputation is disgraced after a violent shoot-out that she warned the FBI to cancel. When they didn't listen to her, she had to kill several people in order to survive. Because she killed so many people, her position as a FBI agent is under surveillance.

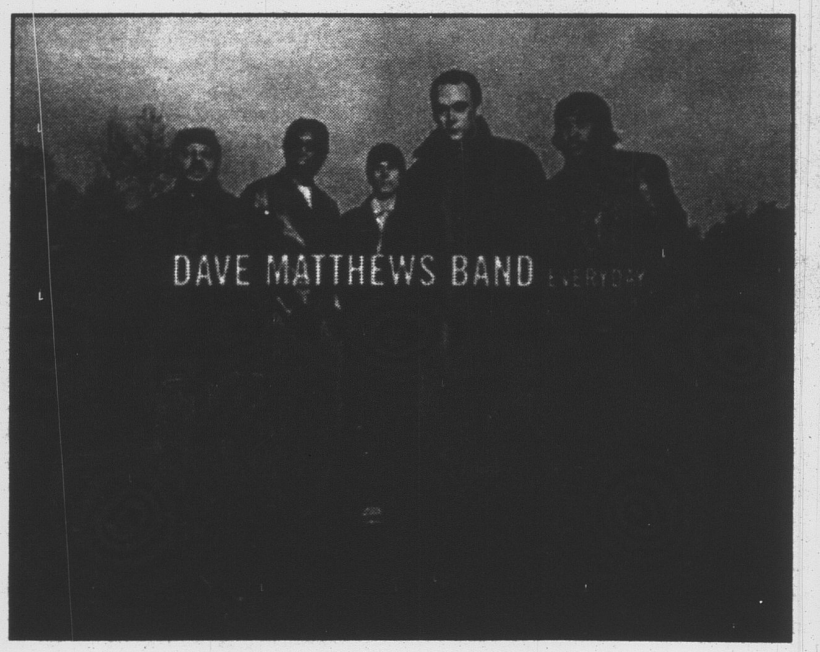
Starling copes with the fact that she is being watched by the federal institution she pledged her life to; Hannibal, a criminal who could take her life; and Krendler, a victim willing to jeopardize her mission to find Hannibal. Moore's screen presence is marked by a subtle paranoia underlying her tough, courageous, empowered shell. As she molts this shell, her sensitivity for all humans-both criminal and victims-is revealed.

It is this sensitivity that Hannibal finds admirable, attractive and intriguing. He comes to her, knowing that she is the only person who truly values life-including his own, even if she is determined to strip him of his freedom. Anthony Hopkins plays Hannibal mercilessly and mysteriously. His motive is to rid society of characters he sees as unfit, but his means include extreme degradation and ingestion. He is sick.

In fact, all 131 minutes of *Hannibal* are sick. Director Ridley Scott has captured some interesting images on film, he has half-developed relevant ideas connected to Hannibal's criminality, but he has also saturated the entire movie with gore! Although the acting is superb, it is overwhelmed by graphics too messy, mangled and morbid for elaboration. Such gore would seem redeemable if it accompanied a significant message or created meaning; however, in *Hannibal*, it serves only to shock. If you enjoy such shock, have a strong stomach, and haven't eaten yet today, then go see *Hannibal*. Otherwise, spare yourself the angst. The only reason to see *Hannibal* is to quench the curiosity of knowing who dies and who lives.

Dave Matthews Band releases fourth CD

By Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR



Listen up Dave Matthews fans! In case you haven't heard, the Dave Matthews Band, a group that's proved to be pretty popular on this campus, will be releasing their fourth album this Tuesday Feb. 27, 2001.

"Everyday," DMB's fourth RCA studio album, was recorded in Los Angles last fall. It features 12 completely new songs with the first single, "I Did It," hitting the airwaves last month. Other song titles to be found on this CD are: "What You Are," "The Space Between," "When the World Ends," "So Right," "Dreams of Our Fathers," "Everyday," "If I Had It All," "Mother Father," "Sleep To Dream Her," "Angel" and "Fool To Think."

The album will be on sale in music outlets all across the United States, but is also available online at www.davematthewsband.com for $14.

"Everyday" marks the first time that Dave Matthews Band has worked with producer Glen Ballard.

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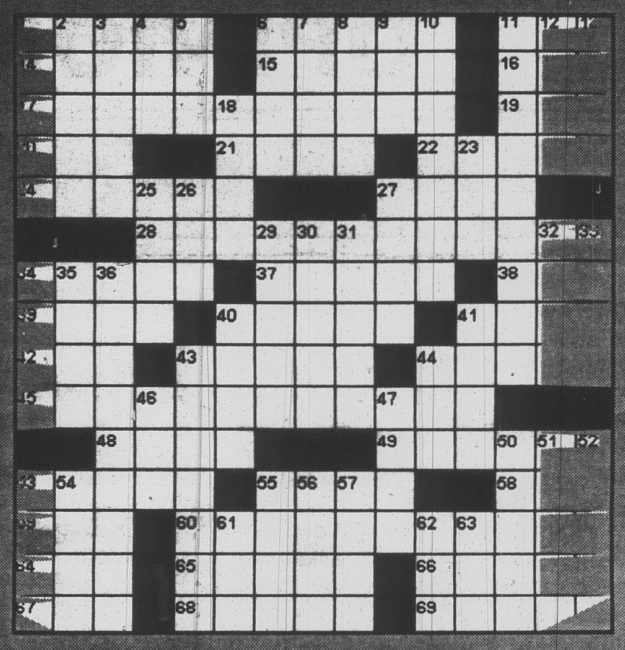
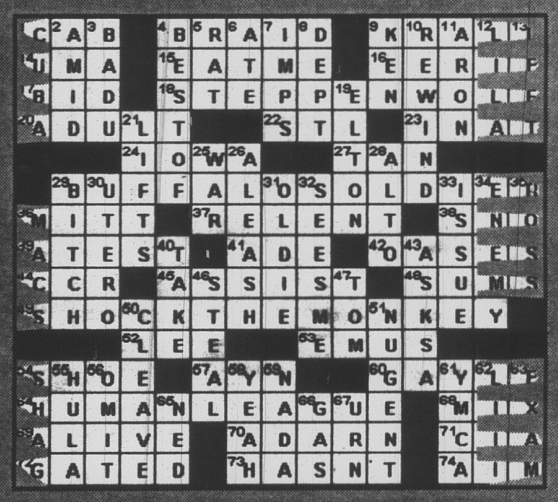
"Opposites Attract"

By Matt Gaffney

Across
1 Singing part
6 Musician's rep
11 For
14 Heart smash
15 Ms. McLachlan
16 Skid ___
17 Bon Jovi hit from the movie "Young Guns II"
19 Freaky Frehley
20 Spielberg creatures of 1982
21 Journey's "___ Arms"
22 She sang a hit duet with Petty
24 Numbers separated by colons
27 Ending for Oktober
28 Hit off "Dangerous"
34 Made sharper
37 Big name in underwear
38 Home for corn
39 Without ___ (dangerously)
40 How Keith Richards sometimes appears
41 Carrie Fisher's most famous role
42 ___-fi
43 Dolt
44 Worthy of reverence
45 "Magical Mystery Tour" tune
48 They might be candied
49 Logo
53 Big Audio Dynamite hit, with "The"
55 Andrea Bocelli's first language: abbr.
58 Tide rival
59 Rawls or Reed
60 Cole Porter tune recorded by Sinatra
64 "On My ___"
65 Pay for another
66 Win by ___ (barely emerge victorious)
67 "Ain't Too Proud To ___"
68 Material mentioned in a Moody Blues title
69 Less nuts

Down
1 Darth ___
2 Pop singer Adams
3 East ___ rap
4 Captain ___ Tennille
5 Sayer who had a #1 hit with "You Make Me Feel Like Dancing"
6 Letters that mean "quick"
7 "We'll Sing in the Sunshine" singer Garnett
8 The Cranberries' home, poetically
9 Part of USNA
10 Huey Lewis's backup
11 Met with the band
12 "___ in the USA"
13 Has debts
18 Parks on the bus
23 Suffix with devil
25 "Yeah, sure!"
26 Gospel standard "___ Rugged Cross"
27 Schneider of the B-52's
29 She married Xavier Cugat
30 Easy instrument to master
31 Standing upright
32 Tough labor
33 Website where you might buy a used guitar
34 ___ browns (breakfast food)
35 "___ in a Lifetime"
36 "Harvest Moon" singer
40 Baha Men's "Who Let the ___ Out?"
41 Lisa who recorded "Stay"
43 Tender ones should be left alone, according to Billy Joel
44 Place to pump iron
46 Word with coat or rat
47 Fleck or Bartok
50 Was a tease
51 Tape over a song
52 Part of MGM
53 Amount of goop
54 Rob of "Wayne's World"
55 "___ A Kick Out of You"
56 Popular cuisine
57 Letters on business envelopes
61 Golden years fund
62 His second album was "It Was Written"
63 Kind of test





HOROSCOPES

ARIES
You may feel financially limited but you must stick to your budget. Don't spend more than you can afford on entertainment or luxury items. Partnerships will be strained if one of you has been disagreeable.

TAURUS
You'll be surprised how much you can get accomplished and how much praise you'll receive from loved ones. Organization will help you achieve your set goals. Try not to travel far, unless you have no other choice.

GEMINI
You'll feel much better when everything you want to accomplish is out of the way. Do things that are inspirational. Your creative talent is just waiting to explode. Find an outlet that will be rewarding and productive.

CANCER
You will meet individuals who interest you intimately. Your temper will be pushed to the limit if you allow family members to take you for granted. Don't let someone you live with stop you from following your creative dream.

LEO
This week's scenario is highlighted by your ability to keep your inner thoughts to yourself. You may have been given false information that could damage someone's reputation. Unreliable characters may try to influence you.

VIRGO
Don't start an argument unless you're prepared to accept irreversible results. Relatives will give you some sound advice if you are willing to share your troubles with them. Get together with relatives; you need to get to know them better.

LIBRA
You need support from the ones you love. Try to sort out your feelings, take your time, you're better to be safe than sorry. Make your own choices; don't be coerced into doing things that you aren't likely to enjoy.

SCORPIO
It's time to present yourself and your talents. You need to be honest about your own intentions. Social events will be very entertaining. Don't let jealousy come between you and the one you love.

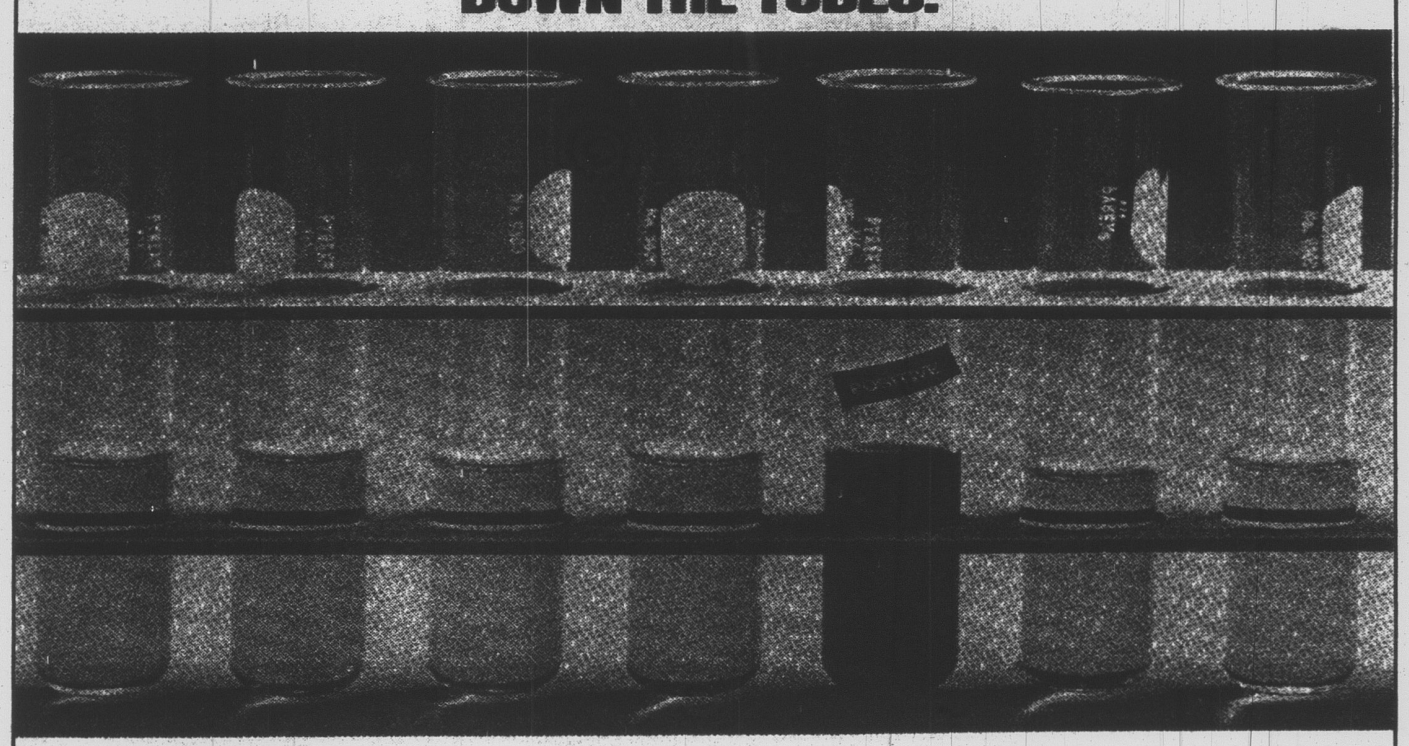
SAGITTARIUS
If you focus on your own goals, you will get ahead. Follow your heart, but don't push your own opinions too hard. Be careful not to offend someone you care about.

CAPRICORN
You need to get out and mingle even if you think you will have trouble justifying spending money. Don't let confusion lead you astray. Do a little soul-searching regarding your motives.

AQUARIUS
You will attract attention. Don't let friends put too many demands on you. You have to learn when to say no to others, if you want to be able to concentrate on your own efforts.

PISCES
Look into new philosophies and beliefs that appear to be more suited to your needs. The knowledge you pick up now will be important in the future. Prepare to make new friends and share your experiences.

FOUR YEARS OF COLLEGE DOWN THE TUBES.



If you think the tests in college are tough, wait until your first job interview. Last year, America's businesses lost $60 billion to drugs.
So this year, most of the Fortune 500 will be administering drug tests. Failing the test means you won't be considered for employment.
After all, if you're into drugs, how smart can you be.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Whoever said that the TUB door is ghetto to ROCKS!

I love how you have to hesitate to ask for help in the TUB, because you know they are going to roll their eyes at you as soon as your ask for a certain item.

I realize this campus packs up and leaves on the weekend but for the few of us that remain, the TUB could have more accessible hours.

Why is it that the water in Galbreath suddenly turns brown in the middle of taking a shower?

The fitness center and pool hours are not accomodating to students.

What is the ten foot high fence below the Down Under for? Are we trying to cage out the world's dumbest animals?

I think the staff and writers for the Holcad do a great job.

I really appreciate how the mailroom workers do their best to serve the campus on crazy mail holidays like Christmas and Valentine's Day - Thanks!

How is it that I have been here four years and the network still doesn't work?

Why does Grove City look like a palace compared to our campus....which has about the same number of students and costs just about the same?

I hate when people don't take the extra 2.2 seconds to turn around and make sure no one is behind them before slamming a door in their face.

Please stop exploiting Amber.

TCF looks incredible.

When people take their dogs for walks on campus they need to clean up after them.

We need a cigarette machine in the TUB.

I love how when the weather gets nice people are in a such a positive mood. Why can't we be like that all the time?

Why do people who are old enough to be in college not know enough to wash their hands when they are finished in the bathroom?

What happened to the good cookies in the TUB?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Rant 'n Rave column is strictly the opinions of the students. However, due to space, some entries may not make it in every week. Also, submissions that are slanderous in nature or have vulgar language will not be published in *The Holcad.*

OUR VIEW: Passing the buck

This week's SGA elections bring to light once again a strange feature of Westminster's student body. In spite of the fact that there are approximately 1300 students, only a handful of them participate in leadership roles for on-campus activities. Time and time again we see the same people dominating the campus with leadership roles in various activities. The problem is not that a few students are hogging the leadership on campus, but that no one else seems to want to take the responsibility. So we see the same 30 or so odd students running around doing everything.

This can be blamed on that old Westminster standby: apathy. It is simply easier not to involve oneself in activities that can be time-consuming or challenging. What many students fail to realize is that things still need to be done. We need people to run the various organizations on campus. We need people to plan the myriad of events that the students, in their apathy, will probably not bother to attend in huge numbers anyway.

The same students who are only minutely involved then find ample time and energy to complain about the state of the campus and the way it is run. They think nothing of posting numerous complaints, but it never seems to occur to them that through involvement in activities, they can change things for the better. While complaining may be easier, it is less effective than action or constructive suggestions.

The bottom line is, if students want things to change, they should learn to take the direct approach. They should get involved in what they feel is being run poorly, and voice their opinion in a constructive and useful manner. If students don't have the time to get involved, they should at least add suggestions to complaints. Perhaps the reason a problem has not been addressed is that no one has thought of a way to address it. It's time for many of us here at Westminster to take responsibility for ourselves. If something isn't done well, find a way to do it better. Concerns would be addressed much more promptly if everyone stopped trying to pass responsibility off to the next person.

> **"If students want things to change, they should learn to take the direct approach."**

In this week's SGA elections, less than half of the student body turned out to vote for their future representation on campus. This would have been an easy way to become involved in the way things are run on this campus. Instead of taking such a small step in order to constructively participate, many students chose not to vote. One would hope that these students will later become involved if they would like something changed, but this is a wistful expectation for students who lack the energy and conviction to click the reply button on their e-mail.

Things will continue as they always have. The same few people will run everything. Many of the remaining will complain and whine as if they are running everything. Nothing can break this cycle, as many Westminster students (or people for that matter) are used to having everything done for them. Dependent as they are, they still feel the need to express righteous indignation when everything that has been done for them has not been done to their taste.

— Editorial Cartoon —

Letter Policy

Letters to the editor are published weekly, as space permits. All letters much be submitted to *the Holcad* office by 12 pm Monday to be published in the Friday issue.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Surely, everyone is entitled to their opinion. One letter writer, Bill Jester, likes to express his more often than others, and there is nothing wrong with that. However, he has been consistently inaccurate in his attacks on people and the way a newspaper is run.

I never felt the need to justify myself regarding his blatantly offensive attack on me -which was uncalled for and unnecessary. And if he was to speak with someone who knows me, he would find that such hasty judgment of me was grossly inaccurate.

But to criticize the layout of the Holcad is just ridiculous because it clearly proves that he doesn't know how a paper is put together.

The features section of the newspaper is not hard news. "Hard-news" is news that happens day-to-day, things of importance to the region and the world-things that are likely to appear first on the nightly news.

The features section is something called "soft news." It is fluffy; it lacks of national importance, and generally deals with people. It is meant to be an interesting complement to hard news, which can be rough and negative. It is not supposed to be important. The reason I write what I do is because the Holcad hired me and my opinion was considered interesting. Anyone is welcome to disagree, of course.

Furthermore, every newspaper has an editorial page. Some papers use editorials written by another paper, but many write their own, as we do. It is not anonymous, but is considered the voice of the Holcad staff.

Students write the "Rant'n Rave" portion. People can complain that we offer this column, but any student is welcome to enter a "rant'n rave." People like Bill will just have to stand by the drop-box in the top of the TUB if they want to attack those writers.

I would suggest that people like Bill read a newspaper that more suits their needs for perfection, such as The New York Times or The Wall Street Journal.

The Holcad is a student-run paper, and we are proud of what we do.

Sincerely,

Sara Bozich

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the numerous letters to the Editor, so eloquently phrased by Bill Jester. It seems while reading his comments we wondered who in fact this personage was, seeing that we've never seen him around campus. Maybe because he sits in his room all day thinking up things to complain about. But then again, maybe we were too busy driving around town in daddy's new Volvo, to our lush new pad in downtown New Wilmington with our new pal Sara, who's sporting her new diamond necklace, by the way. But we did have time to realize this: it appears to us and others that have read Mr. Jester's letters that he fulfills the word hypocrite perfectly. Firstly, he complains about his economic status, yet he was able to check his e-mail over winter break on what was that... a computer? Did he ever stop to think that some of us can't afford computers? Oh, but wait, he wouldn't have time, because he's too busy whining. Here's our question: did Bill Jester ever make an attempt to back up anything he purports? That's called critical thinking - try it. Many of the arguments he makes in his letters are unfounded, and moreover untrue. We find it repulsing that an individual, such as Bill Jester, would make attacks upon a peer - whom he obviously does not know. Next time he feels the uncontrollable urge to slander someone, maybe he should take the time to realize that not everyone on this campus has been blessed with abounding wealth. Mr. Jester refers to his friend who "work(s) at gas stations as a career choice." Well, let us inform you buddy, our roommate has been employed at a gas station for six years, in addition to working three jobs while attending school. Our other roommate would ask her daddy for a Volvo, but wait, he left eighteen years ago. And finally, in your own words, we "suggest that you be thankful for what you have and kindly shut up!"

Molly Weaver, and Eleanor Campbell

Correction

The ad for the Battle of the Bands last week listed the event as April 28th. The correct date is April 27th.

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FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring Feliz DeNu and Dr. Betsy Ford

Getting to Know Westminster College
This week featuring Feliz Elizabeth DeNu and Dr. Elizabeth Anne Ford

Photo by Sara Bozich
Feliz Elizabeth DeNu

Name: Feliz Elizabeth DeNu
Hometown: Milford, OH
Nickname: "Felizi" "Liz" "Felicha" "Bean" "Kid"
Year at WC: 1st
Sign: Capricorn
Major: English/Secondary Education
Pet Peeves: "When people eat only one Pop Tart out of the package. When people talk with their mouths full, and when they cough without covering their mouth."

SB: If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?
Feliz: A dolphin because I've always swam.
SB: If you could go back in time to any decade, which would you choose and why?
Feliz: What was that decade that everyone is pale? I think in the 1800s-I've always been pale. I also love the clothes from that time.
SB: Do you have a personal quote or a quote that you live by?
Feliz: "For every bad thing that happens to you, two good things will come." "You only live once."
SB: Is that your natural hair color?
Feliz: No. My natural hair color is really dark dark brown but I haven't had it that color since 8th grade. It's gone from light brown to deep red.
SB: What were your New Year's resolutions? Have you kept them?
Feliz: To lose weight, and yes.

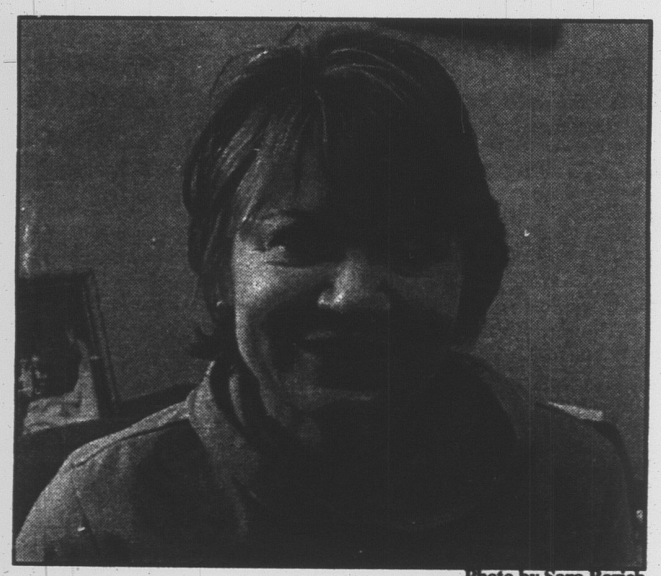

Photo by Sara Bozich
Dr. Elizabeth "Betsy" Ford

Name: Dr. Elizabeth Anne Ford
Hometown: Youngstown, OH "I'm a local product."
Nickname: "Betsy" "Sometimes my students spell my name 'Besty' so I guess that's a nickname too."
Year at WC: 12th
Sign: Sagittarius
Department: English
Pet Peeve: "I hate when students won't look anything up in the library."

SB: If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?
Betsy: Pekinese. I like the way they walk.
SB: If you could go back in time to any decade, which would you choose and why?
Betsy: 19th Century, no question. Before World War I, because the world had never been torn apart by global conflict. I want to go back to the Impressionist Era.
SB: Do you have a personal quote or a quote that you live by?
Betsy: "Life's not a prison sentence." It's Janis Joplin. It's true though, isn't it?
SB: Is that your natural hair color?
Betsy: [exasperated by my question.] No, I don't even know what my nat ural hair color is I've been dyeing it so long. I think it's close to this.
SB: What were your New Year's resolutions? Have you kept them?
Betsy: I resolved not to be pessimistic and I've been doing it.

Survivor II: Kucha overtaking Ogakor

Mitchell is voted off, Amber remains a strong contender

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

Survivor's been on for almost five weeks now, and Amber is still in the running for that million-dollar prize.

This week's rewards challenge was composed of a large map/puzzle. The first tribe to correctly unscramble it, Kucha, won three egg-laying chickens and a rooster. The chickens, however, were not the food of choice this week for Kucha, as Mike caught and butchered a wild pig in a segment CBS preceded with a parental advisory. Mike later wipes the blood from the pig on his face. Maybe the elements are starting to get to him just a little bit...

The immunity challenge was a mental challenge this week in what host Jeff Probst called "Survivor Knows Best." Kucha was triumphant for the 3rd week in a row.

Meanwhile, back at Ogakor, the tribe members bicker and gossip about the next person to get voted off. At one point, Colby states "Amber and Mitchell are in Gerri's hip pocket." Due to their loss at the immunity challenge, Ogakor has to trudge back up to tribal council to vote off one of its members. Mitchell was kicked off after a first ever tie forced the tribe to vote a second time between Mitchell and Keith. Finally, after another tie, Mitchell was forced off because of a vote he received at a previous tribal council. Next week should prove interesting - Ogakor must win in order for the tribes to merge with even numbers.

An Independent view of cliques and greek life

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Rant'n Rave. Our view. How 'bout MY view? Cliques. I'm not cool, never was. My little team in high school was the bad kids. Except I didn't dress like them, because my mom wouldn't let me look like the little skater-punk I dreamed of being. But they were nice to me while the popular kids snubbed me. I got over it. And since high school, I've become friends with people I graduated with who weren't necessarily my friends then.

And here I am not in a sorority. However, it hasn't bothered me and I am sure I am one of few independents who recommends that freshman girls try sororities. Not being in a sorority has not embittered me. It has not hindered my social life. Those kinds of things work well for some people, and for others they do not. For instance, I wish that I could have had mixers with different fraternities and sororities. I'm sure that would have enabled me to meet a lot more people. But I'm also glad that I don't have to get up in the middle of a freezing cold night and chalk sidewalks. It's just personal preference.

Cliques are inevitable in the world. Any time you're in a small place, it happens. I'm not sure that their point of existence is necessarily to exclude others. I believe that it is just a group of friends that spends time together. At a small school like Westminster, people become family, in a sense. They are the people you go out with, watch movies with, the people you move off-campus with, and the same people who you go to when you fight with your significant other or your parents.

For people who continually complain about Greeks being rude, I ask you to consider your personality towards others. Do you assume that a girl in a sorority is going to snub you? Maybe some will. I guarantee most won't. If you are having trouble making friends because you think everyone is Greek and that lifestyle doesn't work for you, try joining clubs you are interested in. There is very nearly something for everyone here. And if there is a sort of interest group that is not represented on campus, you could consider starting one of your own. I believe that Student Affairs looks kindly towards any type of student group, and funding is usually available to some extent. However, in those cases, you need to be careful not to discriminate as well. How often do people who are Independent frown upon Greeks just because they're Greek? You're already assuming they're not nice. I'm sure that kind of reverse discrimination occurs as well.

A year or so ago, some proud GDI's chalked sidewalks and wrote nasty things about sororities. They don't do that to us, why do it to them? Don't be bitter because you're not in a sorority. Remember that people are people and shouldn't be judged solely on their group affiliation.

GRAMMYS

Grammy winners announced at last night's celebration

Record Of The Year
Beautiful Day-U2

Album Of The Year
Two Against Nature-Steely Dan

Song Of The Year
Beautiful Day-U2

Best New Artist
Shelby Lynne

Best Female Pop Vocal Performance
I Try-Macy Gray

Best Male Pop Vocal Performance
She Walks This Earth (Soberana Rosa)-Sting

Best Pop Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal
Cousin Dupree-Steely Dan

Best Pop Collaboration With Vocals
Is You Is, Or Is You Ain't (My Baby)-B.B. King & Dr. John

Best Pop Instrumental Performance
Caravan-The Brian Setzer Orchestra

Best Dance Recording
Who Let The Dogs Ou-Baha Men; Steve Greenberg & Michael Mangini

Best Pop Instrumental Album
Symphony No. 1-Joe Jackson

Best Pop Vocal Album
Two Against Nature-Steely Dan

Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album
Both Sides Now-Joni Mitchell

Best Female Rock Vocal Performance
There Goes The Neighborhood-Sheryl Crow

Best Male Rock Vocal Performance
Again-Lenny Kravitz

Best Rock Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal
Beautiful Day-U2

Best Hard Rock Performance
Guerrilla Radio-Rage Against The Machine

Best Metal Performance
Elite-Deftones

Best Rock Instrumental Performance
The Call Of The Ktulu-Metallica With Michael Kamen Conducting The San Francisco Symphony Orchestra

Best Rock Song
With Arms Wide Open-Scott Stapp & Mark Tremonti, songwriters (Creed)

Best Rock Album
There Is Nothing Left To Lose-Foo Fighters

Best Alternative Music Album
Kid A-Radiohead

Best Female R&B Vocal Performance
He Wasn't Man Enough-Toni Braxton

Best Male R&B Vocal Performance
Untitled (How Does It Feel)-D'Angelo

Best R&B Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal
Say My Name-Destiny's Child

Best R&B Song
Say My Name-LaShawn Daniels, Fred Jerkins III, Rodney Jerkins, Beyoncé Knowles, LeToya Luckett, LaTavia Roberson & Kelendria Rowland, songwriters (Destiny's Child)

Best R&B Album
Voodoo-D'Angelo

Best Traditional R&B Vocal Album
Ear-Resistible-The Temptations

Best Rap Solo Performance
The Real Slim Shady-Eminem

Best Rap Performance By A Duo Or Group
Forgot About Dre-Dr. Dre Featuring Eminem

Best Rap Album
The Marshall Mathers LP-Eminem

AP File Photo
Destiny's Child accepts its award at the Grammys.

Beach Boys given life-time achievement award

WASHINGTON (AP) - Receiving a lifetime achievement award at the Grammys is an honor, but Beach Boys singer Mike Love says he knows it's not that big of a deal.

The Beach Boys, Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis Jr., Bob Marley and The Who received lifetime achievement awards at Wednesday night's ceremony.

"The 40th anniversary of the release of our first record, called 'Surfin,' comes at the end of this year, like, the fall of this year," Love told AP Radio. "So I think if you're in a music group and you've managed to hang in there for 40 years, I think, you know, it's worth some kind of achievement."

The 59-year-old singer said it was more exciting having Interior Secretary James Watt ban The Beach Boys from playing the National Mall in Washington in 1983, saying they attracted the wrong kind of crowd.

"That caused a huge storm of controversy. I think there were tens of thousands of phone calls to the Department of the Interior," Love said. "Matter of fact, for two days they couldn't use their phones, they were jammed up. And I think that was a great thing. It showed how many millions of people really like The Beach Boys."

AP File Photo
The Beach Boys

Groups of protestors gather at Grammys to protest Eminem

By Anthony Breznican
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Revere or revile him, rage-rapper Eminem reigned as the man of the moment at Wednesday's Grammys.

He had been the target of protests from women's and gay-rights groups since he was nominated last month for four Grammy awards, and about 100 protesters demonstrated outside Staples Center before the evening segment of the awards show.

The controversy didn't stop at the arena's door. Many artists applauded his creativity and supported his right to free expression, even though they were repelled by his lyrics.

"He's very good at what he does and he's very clever, but he's also a homophobe, a racist and a misogynist, and I find that objectionable," techno dance artist Moby said backstage. "The problem with Eminem is that he's creating culture with the lowest common denominator. I find it deeply disturbing that people are lending support to him."

Critics and supporters have clashed over lyrics about knifing homosexuals, and raping and torturing women found on his "The Marshall Mathers LP," which won for top rap album.

They also disagreed about whether the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences should have recognized his work.

"The reason you're upset is because he has evoked a reaction, and that reaction is part of the reason that art is what it is," Recording Academy President Michael Greene said.

Shortly before the awards show began, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the National Organization for Women held a "Rally Against Hate" on the street outside.

"Where are Eminem and the Grammys leading our children? Tell the Recording Academy to Drop Eminem," read one banner.

Robin Tyler, a gay activist who has led protests against conservative radio host Laura Schlessinger, said: "We are not saying that Eminem does not have a right to say and sing what he wants. What we are saying is that to elevate it to great art and to award neo-Nazi lyrics set to music is a disgrace."

During Tyler's speech, a busload of Eminem fans dressed in the rapper's trademark black ball cap and white T-shirt drove by, hooting and taunting the demonstrators.

Protester Christina Davis said she didn't realize how harmful Eminem was until she analyzed his lyrics. "I'm a hip-hop fan, and I liked him a lot before I started paying attention to what he stands for," she said.

For more information on the Grammy's go to www. grammys.com

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INTERNSHIP DAY/SUMMER JOBS interviews will take place on March 6. Sign-ups are now through Friday, Feb. 23 in the Career Center. To see a list of participants, click on: http://www.westminster.edu/Student/career/internshipdaylist.htm

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FRIDAY 23
Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh
11:40 a.m. Chapel
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Sandy Duncan - Orr Auditorium
10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under
Alpha Phi Omega Retro Dance - TUB Lounge

SATURDAY 24
Fraternity Pickup Day
Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh
5:30 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Pickup Day Dinner — Down Under
7:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Opera Workshop - Orr Auditorium

SUNDAY 25
Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Vespers
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 26
LLP Block III Classes End This Week
Phi Mu Inspiration Week
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230

TUESDAY 27
11:00 a.m. Council of Chairs Meeting — TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Residence Halls Advisory Board Meeting - Lindley Dining Room
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
6:30 p.m. Opening Diversity Symposium Program - TUB Lounge
7:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal — Orr Auditorium

WEDNESDAY 28
ASH WEDNESDAY
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service - Chapel
7:00 p.m. SGA Shadowing Meeting - CFH 116
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Rashomon - Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TUB A/B
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - CFH 111
9:30 p.m. Seekers - Down Under

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Kappa Delta Pi Spring Flower Sale Begins
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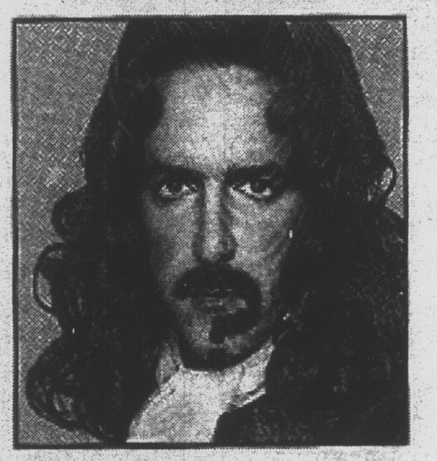

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Q: *Dear Question Marquis: How many times do I have to tell my roommate that just because he's stressed out, it's no excuse for his "accidentally" gnawing on my ankles? – Jeff in Seattle*

A: I am not interested in your problem right now. I am outraged. Do you know that I went to try to purchase a fanner today? What kind of world has this become when a marquis cannot cheaply acquire someone to fan him as he sleeps? And yet access to an extensive collection of digitized books and journal articles costs less than the price of two pizzas a month? It is making no sense. It is like a horse with two derrières.

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: I've got a paper due on Diderot's political influence. I figured, "The Question Marquis is from the French Enlightenment – maybe he could give me some insight." So…any scoop? – Karen in Santa Monica*

A: Yes. You are fortunate you asked. Diderot was an idiot. He had the political influence of my poodle's phlegm. Do you know, he had his Ds coming before his Cs in *l'Encyclopédie* before I straightened it out for him? If there were a French Enlightenment, you can be sure that Denis Diderot knew nothing about it. So you are best behooving to pick a new topic. Once you do, go to questia.com to search for an extensive collection of scholarly books and journal articles to reference in your paper. That should make up for some of the time you wasted thinking about Diderot. Time that you can use to improve the thoughts you will put into a new paper. So Questia will not only save you *beaucoup de* time, but it will also help you to write a better paper. And of course, my loyal readers (you feisty roustabouts, you!) will know that Questia also does your footnotes and bibliographies automatically, once you have finished your paper. You can part with a few francs for that, can you not?

"Diderot was an idiot. He had the political influence of my poodle's phlegm."

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: I haven't been feeling myself lately. I lash out at the people I care about, my cooking skills are slipping, and I'm often visited by the ghosts of vegetables I've eaten. I worry I might be losing my mind. – Nick in Houston*

A: It is a shame that losing one's mind must inspire fear. It is really not so bad. I myself lost my mind several decades ago. I highly recommend it, in fact. The day you want to lose it, just put it under your pillow before you go to sleep, and that night, the Mind Fairy will come along and take it, leaving behind anywhere from 50 to 3,000 francs, depending on the quality of the gray matter. I got over 1,800 for mine. Yours, being an American mind, will naturally not command such a high price. But still, something is better than nothing.

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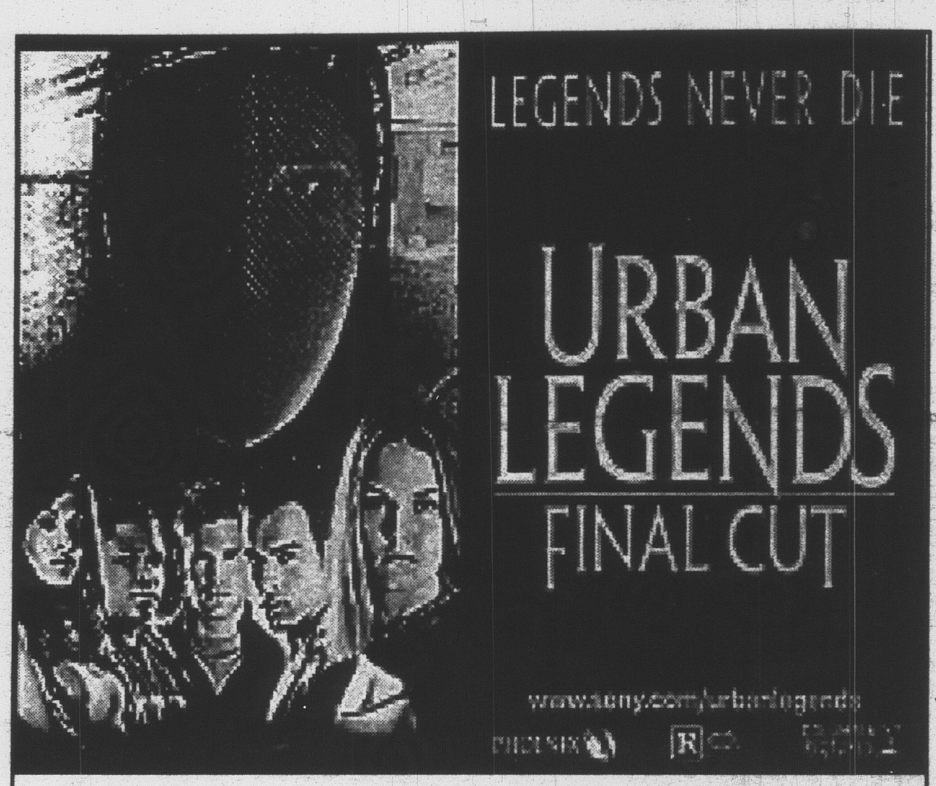

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Car break-ins cause security increase

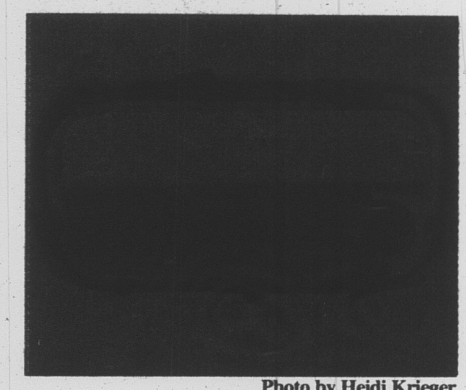


Photo by Heidi Krieger
The lock was torn off this car door handle Friday night.

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster campus was plagued by a series of auto break-ins Friday night. Six students reported their cars parked in Eichenauer and Hillside parking lots had been broken into. The students also reported items stolen from their cars, such as in-dash CD players, CDs and cell-phones.

The perpetrators broke door handles and door and trunk locks to enter the vehicles and remove the items. New Wilmington Borough Police believe professionals committed the thefts. One person, dressed in black, was seen running across campus Friday night with an unidentified object under his arm. It is unknown if that person is connected to the break-ins.

Campus Security Officer Bob Gettings believes the individuals responsible are not WC students. "I don't think a student here would do something like that to another student," he said. "It's someone outside the campus." Gettings added that a similar situation occurred on campus a few years ago, but when security patrol was increased, the vandalism and theft stopped.

"We're doing everything we can," Gettings said. "And the New Wilmington Borough Police are all over it too, they even helped us fill out the paper work. We're going to be increasing our patrol, and they will be too."

Increasing the patrol seems to be the campus-wide plan. To assist that effort, Director of Public Safety, John Lechner is asking students to help. "Be observant when you are out," Lechner said in a campus-wide e-mail. "If you see anything that appears to be out of the ordinary, call Security immediately."

Junior Adriann Popovich was a victim of the weekend break-ins. She parked her car in the Hillside lot at 9:30 p.m. Friday, and was informed by her RD at 10:00 a.m. Saturday that her car had been vandalized. The thieves broke her door lock to enter the vehicle. "I always lock my car doors, but they just broke it," Popovich said. "They took my CD player,

see CARS page 7

Big Brothers/Sisters seeks volunteers

By JoAnn Lewis
STAFF WRITER

The organization of Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BB/BS) is looking for volunteers. If you are willing to mentor a child for three hours a week, becoming a Big (big brother or sister) may be something to consider.

"It's tough to say who gets more out of the program, the adults or the children," said Michael Johnson, former director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Butler County.

Senior Summerlea Hobbs and junior Courtney Panik are serving internships at BB/BS. The students are involved with the Bowl for Kids' Sake fund-raising campaign.

"The money will be used to help children get a big brother or sister," Panik said. "It's a good cause and promises to be a day full of fun."

The process to become a volunteer is simple. After candidates complete an application and interview, a visit to their home is scheduled. If all BB/BS standards are met, the volunteer is accepted into the program.

Each Big is matched up with a child who has similar interests and background.

"There is often a misconception about the program," Johnson said. "All the kids aren't bad, nor are they from low-income families. They're just kids that need role models."

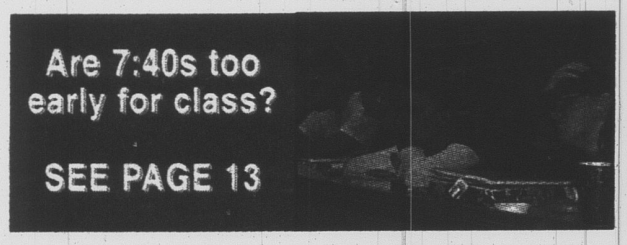
Volunteers are asked to spend at least three hours every week with the kids. If a visit is missed, another type of contact that week is expected.

"The consistency is very important," Johnson said. "We had a Big that was traveling on business and gone for ten days. He called his little brother everyday. The boy tracked the calls on a map with colored thumbtacks. The kids need to know that they can count on the adults."

The BBBS tries to make matches for every child as quickly as possible. However, most chapters have a waiting list of boys interested in a big brother. For information on how to become a volunteer, call the local chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters at (724) 657-3680.

The Bowl for Kid's Sake fund-raiser will be held at Colonial Lanes, Rt. 18, New Castle on March 31, noon to 5:00 p.m. For details, contact Panik at EXT. 7633.

Photo by Aly Karg
Courtney Panik and Summerlea Hobbs intern at BB/BS.



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Friday: Cloudy high 46° low 28°

Saturday: M. Cloudy high 39° low 19°

Sunday: P. Cloudy high 42° low 24°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Fraternity Pick-Up Day successful for 70 new pledges

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Phi Kappa Tau pledges participate in Pick-Up Day ceremonies.

By B. J. Mathieu
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The bids had been given and received and the pledges were picked up. Fraternity Pick-Up Day took place Feb. 24.

Each fraternity held its own ceremony which began at noon. The pledges then went to their new houses to get ready for the pick-up day activity. Later, each fraternity had dinner at its house.

Sigma Nu has the largest class of 2001. The brothers picked up 18 "fine young gentlemen," according to Sigma Nu President Joe Korcinsky.

Sigma Nu's pick-up day activity, "Capture the Flag," followed the initial pick-up.

"I was very happy with how Pick-Up Day went," Korcinsky said. "All the brothers put forth a heck of an effort. Our dinner was made by an alumni, which was very good."

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon picked up 16 new pledges.

Sigma Phi Epsilon President Beau McElfresh was "real happy with the pledge class that they got."

For Sigma Phi Epsilon's activity, the Army Reserves came to the campus to run a basic training course for the brothers and pledges to follow.

Alpha Sigma Phi picked up 16 as well. The brothers and pledges went bowling at Colonial Lanes in New Castle for their pledge activity.

Jim Houser, president of Alpha Sigma Phi, was pleased with how Pick-Up day went.

"It was a lot of fun," Houser said. "It was great to see the amount of pledges that not only us, but all fraternities picked up."

"I'm glad to see that involvement with Greek life on campus is still big," Houser said.

Phi Kappa Tau picked up a class of 14. For their activity, they also went bowling at Colonial Lanes in New Castle.

Phi Kappa Tau's president, Ken Shultz, felt that Pick-Up Day was a success.

Shultz simply commented, "It was great."

Theta Chi picked up six new members.

Theta Chi President Chris Leas was similarly pleased with the pick-up day.

"Our enthusiasm level was really good," Leas said.

For their activity, they took their new pledges to Hess Ice Skating rink in New Castle.

The total number of new fraternity members picked up was 70.

Professors plan Civil War trip for Spring Break

By Emily Ludovici
STAFF WRITER

On Fri., March 9, a group of students and faculty will be going on a Spring Break trip to the Southern United States in order to experience the Civil War Era. They will visit many historical sites associated with the American Civil War and also see historical Virginia sites.

The trip will last seven days and the bus will return on March 15. They will be traveling by Anderson Motor Coach. The tour guides for this trip include Dr. Sharkey, professor of history, Dr. Sprow, professor of English and Dr. Twining, associate professor of history.

Approximately 20 people are going on the trip and there are still some seats left. "I'm looking forward to the trip. Westminster students are great to travel with and I have no hesitations," Dr. Sharkey said.

They will be staying in modern motels such as the Hampton Inn and La Quinta. These places will provide complimentary breakfasts. Everybody will be individually responsible for his or her own lunch and dinner daily. If extra money is available, some meals will be provided.

The cost of the trip is $350. A generous grant from the Student Government Association and funds from other sources are covering almost the entire transportation cost. If additional people want to go, the cost of the trip may decrease.

A non-refundable deposit of $100 must be given to Dr. Sharkey in order to reserve a space on the trip. The remainder of the fee is due by Feb. 26 to Dr. Sharkey, unless other arrangements are made. Reservations will continue to be accepted until the bus is full. The probable sites to be visited on the trip include Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Antietam, Harper's Ferry, Chancellorsville, Richmond, Charlottesville and the University of Virginia, Washington D.C., Mount Vernon and other Virginia homes.

"The trip is designed to visit historical sites and we are going to try to see as many as possible," Dr. Twining said.

Opera Workshop performs 20th Century English opera

By John Hanlon
STAFF WRITER

Sophomores Donna Macurdy and Jeff Lagios starred in the opera *The Telephone* by Gian Carlo Menotti. The opera was directed by Donald J. Rasely on Saturday Feb. 24 in Orr auditorium.

This one-act 20th century opera was performed by Westminster's Opera Workshop, which is run by Rasely, who is also the director of the Westminster Chorale.

Lagios plays Ben, a love-struck businessman, who attempts to propose to Lucy, played by Macurdy. The comical interaction in this English opera had the crowd in stitches.

Freshman Craig Rechichar laughed out loud more than once.

"I couldn't help myself. The show was that funny," he said. "It was hilarious."

The show, which featured senior Stan Rothrock II on piano, finds Ben attempting to propose, only to be interrupted several times by the telephone. Rasely explains the final outcome of the opera as a happy ending.

"Ben figures that if ya can't beat 'em, join' em. So he calls Lucy from the train station and proposes on the phone, to which she gladly says yes," Rasely said.

Sophomore Jeanetta Antus enjoyed the program.

"A great show," she said. "Donna and Jeff have fabulous voices."

Macurdy was pleased with the whole performance.

"I had tons of fun doing this opera workshop," she said. "I love working with Jeff, so that was a bonus. I would also like to thank Stan and Mr. Rasely for all their hard work."

PRSSA holds online auction to fund educational programs

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is holding a first ever online auction at www.geocities.com/wcprssa March 2 at noon until March 4 at noon.

In order to raise money for educational programs, conferences and various PRSSA events, any persons interested should visit the web site, review the items up for bid, and then place bids on any desired items between noon of March 2 and noon of March 4. Currently the members of the fundraising committee, directed by seniors Jennifer Body, Meghan Duda and Heather Salada, junior E.J. Campbell and sophomores Megan Clark and Megan Elias are looking forward to the fundraising event and are hoping to sell all ten items up for bid.

"I'm really excited about this weekend. This is the first time we have ever done anything like this and we hope to get a good response from everyone," said president-elect Campbell. "The PRSSA is extremely beneficial to those involved and any funding we receive is definitely helpful. Plus, we've received some great items from local and regional businesses."

Items up for bid include a Hibachi Steak Dinner for two at Benihana's, two medium pizzas from Domino's, a foursome golf package at Schenley Park Golf Course, and many other great prizes (refer to the website to see more). Payment can be made by check or money order. For more information, contact Campbell at EXT 6333.

Diversity symposium examines sexual orientation

By Justin DeCapua
STAFF WRITER

Allies sponsored a diversity symposium featuring guest speaker Chuck Christian from Persad, a 28-year-old counseling center which serves the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

The goal of the diversity symposium was to expose phobias and misunderstandings and to answer questions about alternative forms of sexuality and what roles they play in society. Chuck Christian's lecture included a brief slide-show presentation followed by a personal account of what it's like to be a homosexual in a predominately heterosexual society.

An audience consisting of 32 students and four professors occupied the classroom in Patterson. "The purpose of this symposium is not to change religious beliefs or ideas, but to inform the campus about living with individuals we don't agree with," Christian said.

The cultural impact of homophobia was the bulk of the presentation. Christian used topics including stereotypes, civil rights, personal experience and social tendencies for support.

Some members of the audience were not completely sold on the ideas that Christian was promoting. "It is a nice explanation, but may not be convincing with large forces in our society like church and government working against the research that's being presented," English professor Dr. Frederick Horn said.

"The development of gender identity and sexual orientation has no definitive answers yet," Christian said. "We must strive to expose our fears and ignorance of alternative life styles or society will continue to harbor issues it doesn't understand."

The end of the seminar covered the consequences of stereotyping and current cultural attitudes. The speaker warned that problems due to misunderstanding will continue to cause phobias, resentment, anger, and at the extreme, violence.

"I thought the symposium was a good idea, but was not long enough to make any significant impact on campus," junior Ryan Moore said. "The speaker brought up some ideas that many people I know are afraid to talk about."

Allies will continue to sponsor symposiums dedicated to educating students and faculty about sexual minorities. "I am glad to see that Westminster is doing its part to fight prejudices and help students feel comfortable talking about tough issues," junior Jamie Freund said.

Campus radio station features cutting-edge technology

By Randy Leasure and Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITERS

WWNW-89 FM, Westminster's campus radio station, has become a fully automated digital system. This means the station can be run entirely by a computer.

Installation of the automation equipment began last school year and was completed last summer.

The automation has three settings. "Full automation" means the computer will run the station by itself until the disc jockey tells it to stop. "Live assist" means the computer will play songs and stop when it is time for the DJ to talk. "Manual" means the computer will stop after every song, giving the DJ complete control over playing songs and "jingles," which are station identifiers.

DJs control the computer using either a mouse or a special keyboard with buttons that correspond to icons on the monitor.

"We went to this new computerized automation system because this is what radio is all about these days," Dr. David Barner, head of campus radio station operations, said. "Only a few college stations in the country have this technology."

Barner said Radio Computing Services (RCS) of White Plains, NY, provided the equipment and software at one-third the cost of most comparable equipment.

"The reason for the reduced cost is that we are acting as a test site for this state-of-the-art equipment and software in order to assure its reliability and effectiveness before RCS offers it to the public," Barner said. "This equipment is actually pre-state-of-the-art. Most of the automated commercial stations don't have equipment this sophisticated."

Contributed Photo
WWNW-89 FM is a fully automated digital system.

During last semester's finals week and over Christmas vacation, 89 FM stayed on the air for three straight weeks, 24 hours a day. It was controlled solely by automation. The station played Christmas music, jingles and public service announcements with no human supervision.

"Computers have replaced the need for an announcer who can read cards and give the weather," Barner said. "More than anything else, I'm excited about this new equipment for its educational value. We can give our students the hands-on experience that will be an absolute necessity when they get out there in the real world."

Junior Ryan Saeler, an 89 FM DJ, knows the benefits of automation.

"When we were using the old equipment, if someone didn't show up to take over after a shift, we were forced to shut down the station," Saeler said. "But, with this new system, we can switch over to full automation and the station can stay on the air without anyone being there."

Saeler admitted he was somewhat intimidated by the new equipment at first, but now he feels comfortable with it. He said he appreciates the voice tracking feature most of all. Voice tracking allows on-air talent to prepare an entire program ahead of time in about 20 minutes.

Saeler said the students at Westminster are fortunate to have such valuable learning tools.

"Students at most other college radio stations don't have a chance to learn an automated system. Without it, they will not be prepared to meet the challenges they will encounter in the job market after graduation," Saeler said.

Senior broadcast communications major Erik Robbins is 89 FM's production manager. He makes the station's commercials and public service announcements. Robbins said that utilizing the voice-tracking feature makes his job a lot easier.

"I can make sure I say exactly what I want to say when I want to say it, and I can keep changing it until I get it just right, "Robbins said. "Unfortunately, this is not an option when I'm live on the air."

Robbins agrees with Barner and Saeler about the importance of learning an automated system.

"The students who do not learn how to use this new equipment while in college will be lost when they get to a commercial station that uses such a system, "Robbins said. "This is very good hands on experience which will help prepare us for employment in the real world of radio."

A closer look at Ugandan exchange student, Andrew Mugisha

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

Is it imaginable that a student on this campus had never seen snow until recently? Actually yes, and his name is Andrew Mugisha.

Mugisha is from the capital city Kampala in Uganda. The temperature in Kampala is normally mild, and when it does get cooler, only a light jacket is needed to stay warm. The cold weather here is a major difference from what he normally experiences.

Kampala is a small city in Uganda where Mugisha's family lives. Mugisha is the second oldest child of a family of eight other brothers and sisters. One of Mugisha's four sisters currently attends a small college in Kansas.

This semester is Mugisha's first at Westminster, and he is a true first year student.

"I graduated from University or high school last year," Mugisha said. He does plan to stay for four years.

He was introduced to the school through a family friend in Chicago. This friend helped Mugisha with the application process and helped him fill out all the other forms needed to apply.

Mugisha has declared Business Administration as his major. He also plans to play soccer for the Titans. Basketball is another of Mugisha's favorite sports.

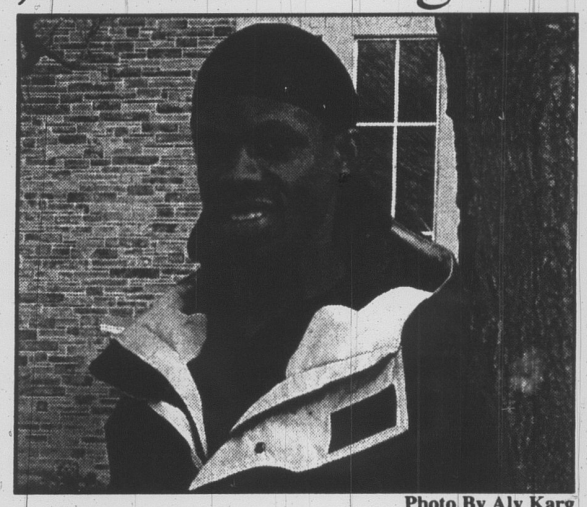
Mugisha feels the best thing about school here is the environment.

"Every day I am meeting new people, it is a friendly environment," Mugisha said. He has had no problems making new friends. Mugisha, however, currently has no plans to join a fraternity.

As expected, Mugisha misses his family most while he is here.

"There is always a big phone bill," he said.

As for his spring break plans, Mugisha will head back to Chicago to relax for the week. Chicago will be his home for the four years he is in the United States. He will stay there over the summers and other holidays as well.



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Andrew Mugisha

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Number of specialty state license plates out of control

By John M.R. Bull
POST-GAZETTE HARRISBURG CORRESPONDENT

HARRISBURG — The otter on certain state license plates made a splash. The tiger on others gained a following. Who can argue with DARE's anti-drug message?

But a plate for recipients of Expeditionary Forces medals? Two proposals for anti-abortion plates? And another for state legislators, if they get their way?

The proliferation of special state license plates has "gotten out of control," said state Sen. Allen Kukovich, D-Manor.

More than 70 specialty state license plates exist. Vehicle owners pay a bit extra to get them.

Many state lawmakers want even more, and they won't seem to take no for an answer.

Gov. Tom Ridge in 1996 vetoed a transportation bill that would have created 24 new specialty license plates. It would cost the state money to manufacture more, Ridge said at the time.

Legislators ignored him. Three months ago, a bill that passed hours before lawmakers adjourned for the year included provisions for another dozen new specialty plates. Ridge quickly slapped a veto on that one, too.

Undaunted, many state House members are still pushing on.

Last year's bill would have created special license plates for, among others, veterans of the Gulf War, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and even those who received an Expeditionary Forces medal. Here's a hint why: Veterans vote.

"I think it's quintessential Pennsylvania, with the confluence of special interests and localism and activism. The Legislature is primed and ready to respond to that," said Mike Young, a political scientist at Penn State's Harrisburg campus. "It's constituent service. They get their names out there and they are rewarded at the polls."

Other specialty plates last year would have honored young hunters and anglers, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, animal protection organizations and groups that help children. A conquer-cancer plate also was proposed.

Legislators even tried to get a plate for themselves.

The bill would have forced the state Department of Transportation to design and distribute special plates to current and former state legislators and members of Congress from Pennsylvania.

Although Ridge's latest veto of such measures was issued only 12 weeks ago, dozens of lawmakers have lined up in the last 30 days to cosponsor five bills for new specialty license plates.

They would honor submarine veterans, veterans missing in action and groups that help children in various ways.

Two of the bills would create plates that espouse anti-abortion causes. One would be a so-called special organization plate with "Choose Life" on it, with proceeds going to crisis pregnancy centers. The other would be "A Friend for Life" plate, with some proceeds routed to nonprofit adoption agencies.

"I don't think we should have license plates for political philosophies," said state Rep. Don Walko, D-North Side. "Pretty soon you're going to have 500 specialty plates. It's ridiculous. I think license plates should be for the identification of automobiles."

PSU Sex Faire raises issues of censorship and poor taste

By John M.R. Bull
POST-GAZETTE HARRISBURG CORRESPONDENT

HARRISBURG — Several Penn State University professors defended a controversial campus event called Sex Faire, saying it was constitutionally protected free speech.

When state Rep. John Lawless, R-Montgomery, threatened to try to cut off $330 million in state funds to Penn State to protest the event, he wrongly anointed himself arbiter of what is appropriate speech on a college campus, the professors said at a news conference yesterday.

"Clearly, the Supreme Court has made it well settled law that bad taste is not a sufficient reason to censor speech," Professor Robert D. Richards said. "We don't want to see other universities stifling speech or events for fear of Rep. Lawless' wrath."

Lawless has assailed the university for allowing Sex Faire, a Feb. 3 event staged by a student organization. Lawless, who called the event obscene, didn't change his mind when he heard what the professors had to say yesterday.

"I thought Monday was a school day," Lawless said. "I thought they'd be teaching. What? Are there graduate students teaching their students, who pay thousands of dollars a year for tuition?"

Gov. Tom Ridge yesterday stepped between the warring parties, urging reconciliation.

The controversy has been swirling for weeks, gaining nationwide media attention, including interest from CNN, ABC's "20/20" and syndicated talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger.

The dispute may come to a head when Lawless shows the House Appropriations Committee a video he made at Sex Faire, a sparsely attended event sponsored by the feminist student group Womyn's Concerns.

Penn State President Graham Spanier is expected to be present to give his annual report to lawmakers and to ask for state funds for the university, an amount tentatively budgeted at $334 million for 2001-2002.

The video mainly shows Lawless confronting students and organizers at Sex Faire, which was supposed to give students information on cervical cancer, sexually transmitted diseases and safe sex and to promote discussions over what is consensual sex. There were games such as "orgasm bingo" and an "erotic-foods-guaranteed-to-turn-you-on" table.

Lawless said there also were mail order catalogs for sex enhancers, XXX movies and other literature he called pornography. He branded the entire event as "classless acts of debauchery."

The "tent of consent," where students could spend two minutes alone after learning about consensual sex, was closed by the university, but the rest of the program went forward unimpeded, except by Lawless and his video camera.

On the video, Lawless chides the students by noting that the building, utilities, security and cleaning crews all were paid for by the university and, by extension, state taxpayers.

The direct cost to put on Sex Faire was $50. It was paid out of student fees.

Lawless took a camera to the event because he was riled about a Nov. 18 "fest" at Penn State whose title included a vulgarity. Organizers promoted the event as a celebration of women's "anatomical jewels."

Former White House security official new dean at CMU

By Bill Schackner
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

A former White House national security official is the new dean of Carnegie Mellon University's H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management.

Jeffrey Hunker, 44, a native of Upper St. Clair, was picked in a national search to replace former Dean Mark S. Kamlet, who was named Carnegie Mellon provost last year. Hunker will assume his new duties this spring, when he and his wife, Margaret, arrive in Pittsburgh.

Hunker is the first dean of the public policy school whose career credentials lie primarily in information technology. Recent deans have worked in areas such as economics and criminal justice.

Hunker received a bachelor's degree in engineering and applied physics and was a Phi Beta Kappa at Harvard University, and obtained his doctoral degree in managerial economics from Harvard Business School.

He joined the National Security Council in the Clinton White House in 1999 as senior director for critical infrastructure.

He led planning and implementation of national cyber-security efforts for computer systems, the Internet and critical information, overseeing a $2 billion budget across various federal agencies.

He has also worked on economic and environmental issues as a senior policy advisor to the U.S. secretary of commerce, and he was a senior participant in 1997 in international negotiations to address climate change issues in Kyoto, Japan.

"The Heinz School is ideally situated to tackle important new public policy issues, many of which are emerging as a result of the Internet and information technologies," Hunker said. "I am very pleased to be joining Carnegie Mellon at this exciting time."

Chancellor McCormick seeks additional funds for universities

By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG — The chancellor of Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities asked lawmakers yesterday for about $2 million more than Gov. Tom Ridge has set aside in his 2001-02 budget so the schools can minimize potential tuition increases.

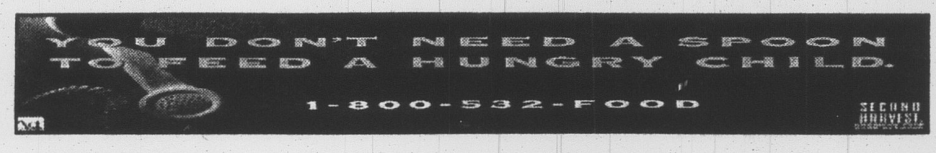
Ridge's budget includes nearly $469 million for the State System of Higher Education, an increase of about $18 million, or 4 percent, over 2000-01 funding. The state system is seeking about $471 million, an increase of about $20 million, or 4.5 percent.

The system's request would entail a $174 tuition increase over the current $3,792 for Pennsylvania residents, Chancellor James H. McCormick said.

Tuition would increase by $192 if the Legislature accepted Ridge's proposal.

"A student who is a senior on one of our campuses today is paying only $324 more in tuition than he or she did as a freshman," McCormick said. "We believe that is a record few other four-year institutions can match."

The system, which educates 96,000 students, is also seeking several separate, special appropriations for 2001-02. They include $19.3 million for job training initiatives and $4.5 million for performance funding, which would reward schools that improve in areas ranging from four-year graduation rates to increasing the diversity of the student body.



NATIONAL

Fulbright scholar in Moscow arrested for drugs

MOSCOW (AP) - A U.S. citizen studying on a Fulbright grant was arrested for alleged drug possession this month in central Russia, security officials announced Tuesday.

They also alleged that he had U.S. intelligence training, and that his arrest was a signal that the Federal Security Service - the main successor to the Soviet KGB - had to be vigilant.

The FSB said in a statement that a graduate student named John Edward Tobbin was seized in Voronezh, about 300 miles south of Moscow, while purchasing drugs. It did not identify the substances.

An FSB spokesman in Voronezh, Pavel Bolshunov, said that Tobbin was charged with "illegally keeping drugs with no intention of selling them," and that he faced up to three years in prison. He is currently being held in a four-man jail cell, the Interfax news agency reported.

A U.S. Embassy official confirmed a U.S. exchange student had been arrested on drug charges. However, the official said the man had not signed a privacy waiver so the embassy was not free to divulge any further information on his case.

The head of the local Fulbright program office, Joseph McCormick, said it was the first time a Fulbright scholar had been detained in Russia.

"Nothing like this has ever happened before," McCormick said.

Tobbin's hometown has not been named. However, the FSB said he had previously been a student at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., which is run under the aegis of the U.S. Defense Department, and that he had been in training at a military intelligence school in Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

"According to information at our disposal, John Tobbin received access to work with secret documents in May 1997," the FSB said in a statement.

Zhanna Sokolova, the dean of foreign students at Voronezh State University, said Tobbin got into a fight in a cafe, and police intervened.

"As we understand it, when they noticed there was no smell of alcohol, they searched him and found marijuana," she said.

A house search uncovered more of the drug, she said.

Independent NTV television reported that police detained Tobbin at a nightclub in Voronezh on Jan. 26 for possession of 1.5 grams of marijuana, and that he was formally put under arrest Feb. 1.

Bolshunov said Tobbin had received a diploma from the Fort Huachuca school as an interrogation expert.

"In our opinion, he came here for country and language training. He speaks without an accent, knows slang very well, and dialects," Bolshunov said.

He said that Tobbin had not been involved in espionage.

"But he does have perfect training, he graduated from elite (spy) schools, his Russian is perfect, he had access to classified information."

"One does not want to believe it, but a fact remains a fact - now one cannot rule out that there may be other Americans in Russia who are connected with the special services and who hold recommendations from the U.S. Department of State," Bolshunov was quoted as saying by Interfax.

Evidence of ancient life on Mars

By Dan Vergano
USA TODAY

Crystals found in a Martian meteorite resemble magnetic materials made by Earthly microbes and might be evidence that life once existed on the red planet, NASA researchers said Monday.

"I am convinced that this is supporting evidence for the presence of ancient life on Mars," says Kathie Thomas-Keprta of Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Thomas-Keprta led a new analysis of the so-called Allen Hills 84001 meteorite, or ALH84001.

The same space rock was the subject of debate in 1996 when other space agency researchers likewise said it harbored signs of ancient life. Thomas-Keprta says the new study adds strong support to that claim.

A second report, published today in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, adds support.

E. Imre Friedmann, a biologist at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., said an electron microscope examination of the meteorite produced evidence of magnetite crystals formed in chains - "chains that could have been formed only biologically."

Other researchers aren't convinced. Ralph P. Harvey, a geologist who has studied ALH84001, says the new conclusions are "hasty" and should not be accepted without further study.

At 4.6 billion years, ALH84001 is the oldest of 16 meteorites found on Earth and identified chemically as originating from Mars. It wandered in space for millions of years, falling to Earth about 13,000 years ago. It was found on the Allen Hills ice field in Antarctica in 1984 and has been intensely studied since.

National Briefs

Rich won't testify; Clinton waives privilege

WASHINGTON - Fugitive financier Marc Rich refused Tuesday to appear before a House committee investigating his pardon while former President Clinton waived executive privilege, allowing his top aides to freely testify before the panel.

Federal air-quality standards upheld

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the way the federal government sets clean-air standards, rejecting industry arguments that officials must balance compliance costs against the health benefits of cleaner air. The ruling is a major boost for the federal Clean Air Act.

Safety concerns over airline turnover rate

WASHINGTON - Rampant turnover of baggage screeners at some of the nation's airports poses a risk to the traveling public, says a GAO report. The high turnover has led to less experienced screeners and understaffing at some security checkpoints, leaving some U.S. airports vulnerable to terrorist attack.

Consumer confidence plunges

NEW YORK - Consumer confidence in February fell to its lowest level in more than four years, undermined by increased pessimism about jobs and the economy. The Conference Board reported Tuesday that its consumer confidence index dropped to 106.8, down from 115.7 in January.

"Friends" star Matthew Perry enters rehab

LOS ANGELES - Friends star Matthew Perry has entered a rehabilitation clinic for treatment of an undisclosed condition, the actor's spokeswoman said Monday. The statement offered no clues to why the 32-year-old actor needed rehabilitation or where he was hospitalized.

Weird News

But he wants to go to jail

SOMERVILLE, N.J. - Fugitive David Coote wanted to go to jail. The only thing stopping him was the jail staff. Coote, 36, attempted to turn himself in at the Somerset County Jail but was allowed to leave after officials incorrectly told him there were no warrants for his arrest. Authorities said Coote's name was run through databases tracking municipal information, but apparently was not checked in other databases containing state and national information. Coote, who remains at large, told police he was "kind of happy" to be allowed to leave. He had decided to turn himself in after his case was featured in a local publication.

Monkeying around with tax money

CINCINNATI - An audit of the Cincinnati Zoo found employees using taxpayer money to pay for lunches at Hooters, gifts for visiting dignitaries and international trips. The zoo reimbursed taxpayers more than $13,000 after Hamilton County auditors examined eight months of records during 1999 and 2000 and billed the zoo for discrepancies. A county-wide zoo tax, approved by voters in 1998, generates about $6 million a year to be spent on animal health, horticulture and zoo maintenance. "Asking taxpayers to pay for lunch at Hooters just isn't acceptable," Commissioner Tom Neyer said. The county plans a monthly audit of zoo expenses.

Hong Kong jeweler makes 24-carat gold toilets

HONG KONG - Jeweler Lam Sai-wing says he has dreamed since his youth in China about having enough wealth to build toilets of gold but has gone all the way and made a gold washroom. The toilet bowls, wash basins, toilet brushes, toilet paper holders, mirror frames, wall-mounted chandeliers and even wall tiles and doors are all made of solid gold. The ceiling is decorated with ruby, sapphire, emerald and amber. For the privilege of using the $4.9-million gilded bathroom, customers must remove their shoes to avoid scuffing the gold tiles and spend $138 on Lam's jewelry.

A balanced diet includes stickers

ERIE, Pa. - A former prosecutor is accused of eating the evidence. Christopher McElynn, 42, appeared in court to answer charges he ate a forged state automobile inspection sticker during a 1999 traffic stop. He allegedly locked the doors and peeled off the sticker before scarfing it down. McElynn, a former Erie County assistant district attorney, was picked up on a bench warrant after failing to appear in court in May to respond to the charges.

Just say no to hugs

PEQUOT LAKES, Minn. - Hugging has become a standard greeting and way to say goodbye at Pequot Lakes School, with some students saying they get 40 to 60 hugs a day from friends. But the school isn't embracing the idea. Teachers are doling out reprimands to students caught hugging in the hallway. They are punished with detention if caught three times in a day or four times in a week.

Legally double your tax refund

HAGERSTOWN, Md. - Six hundred Maryland taxpayers received a double refund from the Comptroller of the Treasury after workers accidentally printed 600 duplicate checks and mailed them. "Six-hundred out of 2 million is not a big mistake but it's a mistake nonetheless, I have been assured a system has been put in place to make sure it doesn't happen again," an agency spokesman said. The blunder stemmed from a high-speed printing machine in Annapolis that spits out 15,000 to 20,000 checks a night. The agency has mailed the recipients postage-paid envelopes and asked them to return the duplicate checks.

Money, money, money

MADISON, Wis. - A woman who went to the bank for a $1,500 cashier's check walked out with a check for $150 million. Vanita McDuffy didn't look at the check for two days, but the Madison woman said she passed out after noticing all the zeros. A spokeswoman for First Federal Savings Bank said the bank discovered the error the same day it issued the check and stopped payment. McDuffy plans on returning the check and said she wants the original amount of $1,500 when she gets her new check - but maybe a little extra for her honesty.

INTERNATIONAL

U.S. apologizes for sinking Japanese fishing boat

TOKYO (AP) - In Washington's latest move to soothe Japanese anger over the sinking of a fishing boat by a U.S. submarine, a Navy admiral on Tuesday delivered an apology from President Bush and prepared to meet with the families of the missing.

Adm. William J. Fallon's arrival in Japan demonstrated the Bush administration's determination not to let the furor over the accident damage security ties with its top Asian ally.

"By coming from Washington to be here in person, I seek not only to apologize, but to promote better understanding between the people of our two nations," Fallon said in a statement upon arrival.

Fallon held a 30-minute meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori and - along with Bush's apologies - conveyed the president's belief in the crucial role the U.S.-Japan security relationship plays in maintaining world peace.

Fallon was scheduled to meet Wednesday at Ambassador Thomas Foley's residence with relatives of the nine Japanese lost at sea. The Navy's No. 2 officer was also to meet Defense Agency Chief Toshitsugu Saito and other Cabinet ministers.

Washington is particularly keen to ease tensions over the Feb. 9 submarine disaster as security ties were strained even before the accident by a series of sex crimes by U.S. servicemen on Okinawa.

Anger exploded just days before the USS Greeneville rammed into the Ehime Maru off Hawaii over an e-mail in which the top Marine on Okinawa reportedly called local leaders "nuts" and a "bunch of wimps."

He later apologized, but the uproar has yet to die down and several local assemblies have passed resolutions demanding the U.S. military presence on Okinawa be reduced or withdrawn altogether.

Roughly one-half of the 50,000 U.S. troops stationed in Japan are in Okinawa.

In Tuesday's meeting, Mori asked that the United States do the utmost to salvage the sunken Japanese fishing vessel and give a full account of the collision. He also reportedly said Japan may try to retrieve the boat on its own if U.S. efforts fail.

Fallon gave few details of the contents of Bush's letter of apology, but Foreign Ministry official Toyohisa Kozuki told reporters the president said American authorities would do what they could to raise the ship.

Officials here also will be looking for an explanation over the causes of the accident, and why the United States had been slow to reveal that civilian guests were at the controls of the sub.

Nine people, including four students, are missing and presumed dead.

Though the sub's commander on Sunday issued a statement expressing his "most sincere regret" for the accident, relatives of the missing said they won't accept an apology unless it is made in person.

The nine missing were among 35 people on board the Ehime Maru training vessel when it sank shortly after it was struck by the U.S. nuclear submarine.

The Ehime Maru was operated by a high school for aspiring sailors in Uwajima, a fishing village about 430 miles southwest of Tokyo.

More lives claimed in fighting between Israelis and Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) - A Palestinian man was killed when a tank shell hit his house, a Palestinian boy was shot in the head and three Israeli workers were wounded in an ambush Tuesday in separate incidents in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Naim Badarin, 55, was killed instantly in the West Bank town of Ramallah, said Dr. Mahid Zatari of Ramallah Hospital. The Israeli army reported earlier that Palestinians fired at the nearby Jewish settlement of Psagot, and Israeli forces returned the fire. The death raised the number killed to 411 in five months of fighting, which erupted after peace talks between the Palestinians and Israel broke down.

A 13-year-old Palestinian boy was critically wounded by a bullet from a heavy machine gun near the Karni crossing point between Israel and the Gaza Strip, said Dr. Moadiya Hassanein, spokesman for Gaza's Shifa hospital.

"He is in very critical condition," Hassanein said. The Israeli military said soldiers fired in the air to disperse a crowd and no one was hit. The military said it was investigating.

The Karni crossing point has been the scene of repeated clashes between Israeli soldiers and the Palestinians - both exchanges of fire and stone throwing by young Palestinians.

In the West Bank near Jerusalem, an Israeli woman, 48, was shot in the chest when suspected Palestinian gunmen fired on an Israeli van carrying women workers home from a nearby factory. She was hospitalized in serious condition. Two other Israelis were lightly injured by flying glass.

The van "ran into a mound of dirt, where gunmen were apparently waiting," said Albert Ohayon, the area police commander. An Israeli army officer said three gunmen escaped into a nearby village.

Shortly afterward, two Israeli soldiers were lightly wounded in a shooting attack in the same area, the military said.

Also in the West Bank, a Palestinian suspected of collaborating with Israeli intelligence died Tuesday in a Nablus hospital after he was tortured in Palestinian detention, Palestinian security sources said.

They said Salim al-Akra, 37, was arrested four weeks ago. Two other Palestinians confessed to collaborating with Israel, and they named al-Akra, but he did not confess, the sources said.

The past five months of fighting between Israel and the Palestinians has claimed 411 lives, including 339 Palestinians, a German doctor, 14 Israeli Arabs and 57 Israeli Jews.

Palestinians appealed for international protection Tuesday, after a leader of Jewish settlers in the West Bank called on Israel's military to assassinate or apprehend Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Are You a Bargain Hunter?

If so, check out the Public Relations Student Society's on-line auction this weekend. We have great items up for bid, such as a $100 gift certificate to the Steelhead Grill and a Foursome at Schenley Park Golf Course.

Bidding begins today, March 2nd, at noon and continues through Sunday, March 4th at noon. The site can be accessed anytime at www.geocities.com/wcprssa and we will be continually updating it during the weekend. The auction is open to the public, so spread the word!

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SPORTS

XFL vs. NFL: The degradation of television athletics

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Flipping through the channels, I noticed a game that looked like football. The announcers even made it sound like football. But upon further investigation, I realized that it is not football at all. It is the XFL. Vince McMahon's new baby started a month ago, and the ratings have already plummeted beyond even the pessimist's expectations. The rules of the game are different, the cheerleaders are shameless and the players are less talented. In other words, this game is a combination of the WWF, college football and a Jerry Springer show.

For those who haven't done their XFL research, the season consists of a 10-game regular season with playoff games on April 14-15. The championship game, called "Big Game at the End" is April 21. Instead of the multi-million dollar contracts that are in the NFL, the salaries in the XFL are constant. The quarterbacks are paid $50,000 a season, the kickers $35,000 and the rest of the players receive $45,000. Winners of each regular season game divide a $100,000 bonus equally among players. The winning team in the "Big Game at the End" will divide $1 million.

The different rules are numerous. There are no fair catches. Punt returners have a five-yard, no-tackle "halo" until the ball is caught, and members of the kicking team are not able to leave the line of scrimmage until the ball is in the air. Any punt traveling more than 25 yards past the line of scrimmage is a live ball and can be recovered by either team. There is no extra point field goal attempt after a touchdown. The scoring team must try for two points. A receiver or defender needs only one foot in bounds to make a catch. Kickoffs must be run out of the end zone unless the kick carries through the end zone. The XFL presents a faster game with a shorter halftime and a shorter play clock. The game becomes harder hitting with no fair catches, extra-point kicks or quarterback-friendly in-the-grasp rule.

The cheerleaders will be sideline fixtures, but these aren't the peppy women that we are used to seeing. As a risqué XFL commercial suggests, their contributions to the game will be as hard-core as the action on the field. McMahon promises cheerleader interviews during game breaks on topics ranging from sports to sex, on topics both racy and gentile. "What does sex have to do with football?" you may ask. Remember, the XFL is the brother of the NFL, and both are targeting male viewers, ages 12-24. To further spice up the XFL experience for stadium fans and TV viewers, the league uses jumbo TV screens, roving cameras, and open mikes around the arenas. With microphones all over the field, cameras peeking into huddles, and interviews with players right after a big run or painful sack, the new league aims to take TV viewers where they haven't gone before. Basically, the XFL will try to bring football video games to life.

Many critics have argued about the increase in violence that the XFL offers. McMahon disagrees. In a Sports Illustrated article, he stated, "We're not trying to present violence. I think the rest of the networks take care of that real well. There are no guns, there are no knives, nor are there any of those in the World Wrestling Federation. We're not promoting violence. We're entertaining you. You really can bring the family to this event." No guns or knives means no violence? I know I wouldn't want my children to watch men killing each other for a $100,000 prize, with the occasional distraction of a scantily-clad cheerleader dancing like she was just let out of her stripper night job. But that's just me.

The ratings for the XFL were impressive the first week, probably due to viewers' curiosity, but they have been consistently dropping since then. Last Saturday's 2.9 overnight rating for the New York/New Jersey Hitmen's 13-0 victory against the Chicago Enforcers means only an average of 2.9 percent of U.S. television households in the country's 49 largest markets were watching at any given moment. That follows overnight ratings of 10.3, 5.1 and 3.8, respectively, for the XFL's first three weeks on NBC.

The league already is offering some free commercial time to advertisers who were promised their spots would reach more viewers. NBC said it would still honor its two-year commitment to the league. With the interest in the XFL plummeting like it is, two years is the longest this league will be around. Vince McMahon will be sent back to his fake wrestling league, unless he starts another bogus sport. XMLB? Baseball players could take their bat when they run the bases, smacking basemen when they are about to be tagged. I may be onto something...

Titan swim teams dominate PAC Invitational

Westminster's men's and women's swim teams each captured team titles at the conclusion of the three-day Grove City/PAC Invitational, hosted by Grove City College.

The Titan men captured the nine-team event with 750 points, followed by Washington & Lee, Grove City, Washington & Jefferson, Frostburg State, Bethany, Misericordia, Penn State-Altoona and Penn State-Behrend. The Lady Titans were also victorious in the eight-team women's meet with 1,016 points, followed by Washington & Jefferson, Grove City, Frostburg State, Penn State-Altoona, Misericordia, Bethany and Penn State-Behrend.

Sophomore Jim Mann led the Titan men, posting his third individual win in as many days with a victory in the 200 backstroke. Freshman Matt Buzard was the other victorious Titan on the final day of the competition, as he captured the 100 freestyle.

On the women's side, junior Jamie Sell shared the award for most points at the meet. Sell captured the 1650 freestyle in 18:04.90, over a minute faster than her nearest competitor. Other Lady Titan individual winners on day three included senior Tara Crawford in the 200 backstoke, sophomore Stefanie King in the 200 breaststroke, and freshman Megan Lytle in the 100 freestyle.

For his efforts, Westminster head men's and women's swim coach Rob Klamut was named Men's Coach of the Year and Women's Coach of the Year at the invitational.

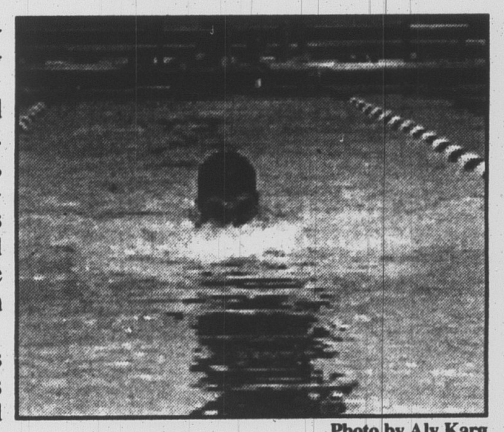

Photo by Aly Karg
Swimming Titans close successful season.

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and they looked through all the papers in my glove box." She also issued advice to the WC community. "Take the extra two seconds to take the face off of your stereo. Those two seconds might save you 300 dollars."

Gettings gives similar advice. "Always lock your car, every time you leave it, and never leave anything of value in plain sight."

Freshman Paul Hanna thinks the break-ins were a one-time occurrence. "If it happens again, it'll be far in the future," Hanna said. "I think it was a wake-up call for people here to lock their cars and hide their valuables. These things can happen anywhere, even New Wilmington."

The University of Pittsburgh has also recently experienced an epidemic of what Pittsburgh police are calling "smash and grab" crimes. More than a dozen students had their cars vandalized last week.

It's a Jungle Out There.....

Nicole Findley Jennifer Beer Samantha O'Toole
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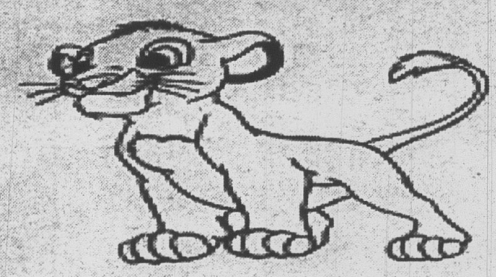
ΦΔΜ  ΦΔΜ

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

STAMPER & STALEY — CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON

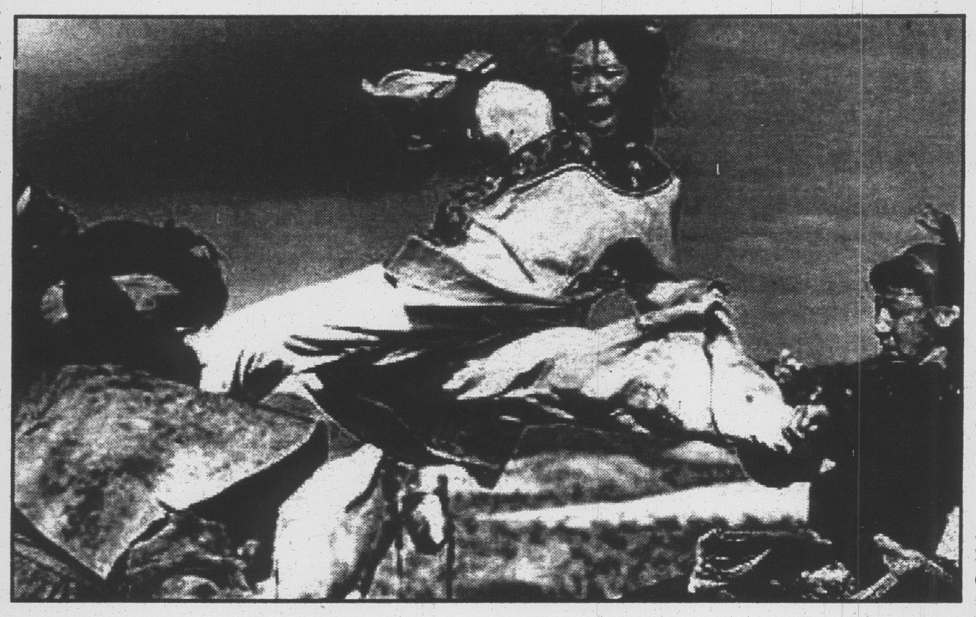
Beth Staley

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon is a movie of integrity, intensity and illumination. The intensity of beautiful, choreographed fight scenes is stunning, and the illumination of the warrior psyche, with all its complexities, drives the dramatic messages in *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.*

Based on the book by Du Lu Wang, this movie covers Li Mu Bai's (Yun-Fat Chow) and Shu Lien's (Michelle Yeow) search for an exceptional sword used by Li Mu Bai in his warrior days. During meditation, Li Mu Bai decides that he must end his unfulfilling warrior days. Ultimately, he wishes to pursue his lifetime love and friendship with fellow warrior, Shu Lien.

However, they both become active warriors again when the sword is stolen by Jen (Ziyi Zhang), the disguised daughter of an aristocrat. Jen desires the excitement of a warrior lifestyle and studies secret techniques from a manual stolen by her nurse/evil warrior Jade Fox (Pei-pei Cheng.) Jen has extraordinary talent; she excels beyond Jade Fox's abilities and challenges Li Mu Bai and Shu Lien.

The fighting sequences in *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* surpass any attempt to portray martial arts on screen in the past. These scenes are choreographed like dances; they are long, carefully crafted, fancy duels that have the power to grip an audience. Warriors glide from rooftop to rooftop, balance on the tips of swaying trees and race along the edges of buildings. Seeing this movie on the big screen enhances these fight sequences, allowing them to communicate the full impact of their athletic, aesthetic and technical appeal.



The active warrior lifestyle poses complications beyond physical training, meditating and fighting. *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* brings such complications to light in the romance between Li Mu Bai and Shu Lien as well as the romance of Jen and Lo (Chen Chang.) Issues of arranged marriage, revenge, duty and true love are examined thoroughly.

These issues are confronted successfully in the performances of Michelle Yeoh, Pei-pei Cheng, and Zihi Zyang. Yeoh's ability to shift fluidly between peaceful contemplation and sharp martial action is focused. She communicates the dichotomy of her life as a female warrior in every gesture and expression. Cheng's portrayal of Li Mu Bai is less detailed, but still very powerful. Zyang is absolutely fabulous in her role as aristocrat/disguised warrior/troublemaker/thief/lover. Her performance is marked by adolescent confusion, phenomenal talent, and adventurous madness.

Director Ang Lee deserves praise for *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.* It is a triumph of acting, scenery, fighting, costume, lighting, and drama. It is one of the most beautiful movies in theaters right now. In fact, it is a must see that must be seen on the big screen! *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* - don't be a sitting goose and miss it!

Joseph Stamper

The Subtitle Conundrum- My fellow movie reviewer Beth Staley suggested we go see *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.* I started to reason to myself, "Now I really like Kung Fu flicks, but on the other hand the movie is in Mandarin Chinese... I don't want to read a movie. Either I read or I watch...I want no part of this hybrid of reading and watching, hearing but not listening nonsense." Beth answered my silence, "It's either Chocolat or Crouching Tiger." I voiced my conclusion, "If I'm going to spend my Sunday afternoon watching a foreign film, it better have some darn Kung Fu in it!"

For the record, I have never used the word "darn" in my life.

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon is an epic love story about two aging warriors who have denied their passions for the entirety of their adult lives. Li Mu Bai (Chow Yu-Fat) is a noble warrior who decides to lay down his legendary sword in exchange for the love of Yu Shu Lien (Michelle Yeoh). But before the honored Li Mu Bai can stop fighting, he must avenge the death of his master. Suddenly his sword is stolen. All clues point to Jade Fox, the women who killed Li Mu Bai' s master. Things get complicated when it is discovered that the Jade Fox has an extraordinary young disciple who is close to Yu Shu Lien, Li Mu Bai's would-be lover.

I know the beginning of the story sounds a little corny, but I only scratched the surface of what's going on. *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* is a well played out and complex love story with all the action a person can handle set in beautiful 19th century Mandarin China.

Remember a few months ago when *Charlie's Angels* got all that hype about "girl power?" Well, any one woman in this movie would kick Charlie's butt back to the seventies, literally send the Angels to heaven and put Destiny's Child in a headlock for making that annoying song.

Stamper's Four Corner Breakdown

Date Movie-9

Even though most of the hot and heavy stuff is told in a rather distracting flashback, this is a love story with all the trimmings. There is sexual tension, love-denied, marriage for all the wrong reasons and all kinds of other Oprah/Days of Lives/Romeo and Juliet stuff. It is a nearly perfect date movie combining hardcore action and genuine affection.

Special FX- 10

In approaching this movie, one may forget that it is a fairy tale. Ang Lee gently reminds you of this fact with dazzling and often beautiful fight scenes. Lee takes what would seem outrageous to the average movie patron and makes it palatable.

Star Power- 9

This movie is not one of those Jackie Chan flicks with a bad voiceover. It is a serious movie. The most compelling performance comes from Michelle Yeoh. Yeoh has an extensive bio of far Eastern films. Strangely enough, many of them with the word "warrior" in the title. This is only Yeoh's second exposure to the West after playing a "Bond girl" in Tomorrow Never Dies. Zhang Ziyi, the young woman who plays the Jade Fox's rogue disciple, captivates the movie audience and has tremendous crossover potential.

Plot-8

At a couple of points the movie gets sidetracked and features an enigmatic ending. Despite its drawbacks, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* is intelligently and well-constructed and has smoothness rarely seen in martial arts movies.

Overall— Go See It

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon is a fairy tale for adults. If you are going to the movies any time soon, you will not find an all around better film.

Comedian Blaze to perform

By Kendra McClymonds
A & E EDITOR

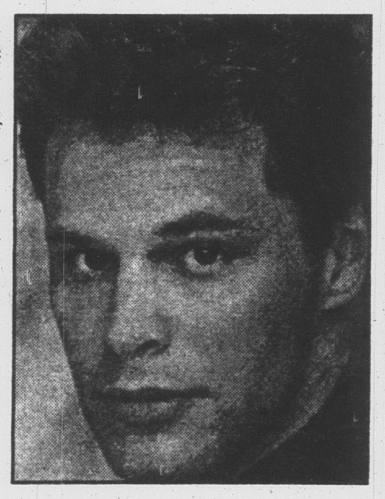
Coming to the Down Under this Saturday at 8pm, Comedian Tommy Blaze will perform for the campus community free of charge.

Blaze was born and bred in Long Island. After college, he relocated to Florida where he began his comedy career. He went on to do numerous comedy shows including Star Search, MTV's "Half Hour Comedy Hour," and HBO's "Young Comedians."

Tommy then decided to make his move to Los Angeles where he's been under contract with Warner Brothers and Fox Television for the past three years. He's been on such television shows as "The Newz" and one of NBC's season finales of "Friends," where he co-starred as Rachel's boyfriend, Carl.

Blaze has graced the silver screen as well in the 1996 horror flick, Rumpelstiltskin. He also went on to be featured in the 1998 comedy showcase video, Viewer Discretion Advised.

Most recently, Tommy has been invited to perform at the prestigious Montreal Comedy Festival and the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, Colorado.



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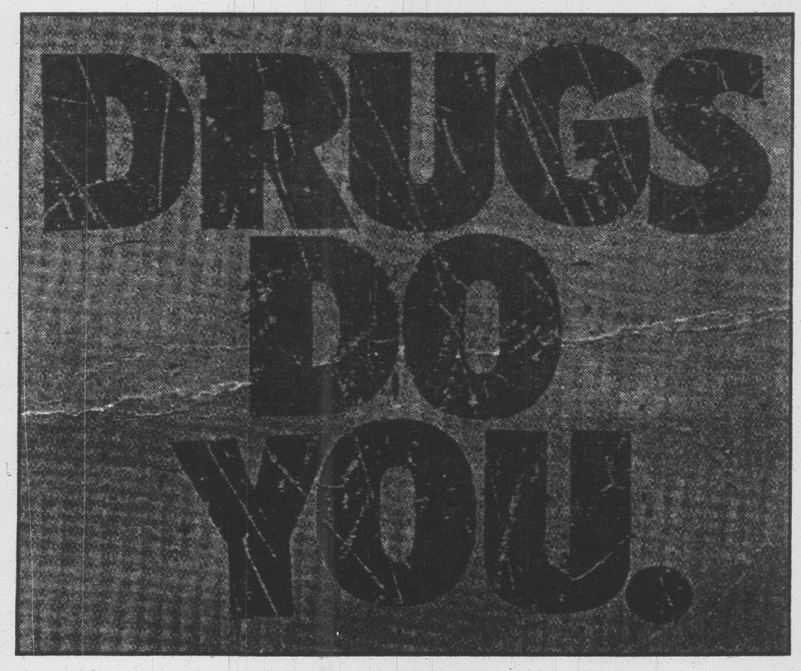

"Out of Africa"

By Matt Gaffney

Across

1 ___ fly (baseball play)
4 Like cool cats
7 The Coasters' "___ Came Jones"
12 Drink mentioned in "Lola"
13 Symbol of wisdom
14 Michael Bolton's "How ___ Be Lovers"
15 More together
16 Senegalese pop star whose albums include "Baayo" and "Firin' in Fouta"
18 Nigeria's juju master
20 Beatles tune "___ Time At All"
21 "The Name of the Rose" author
22 Linguistic suffix
23 "My ___ Is True"
26 Big name in toothbrushes
28 "Me In Honey" singers
29 They fell for the "Girl On TV"
30 Great Plains area, with "The"
32 1973 Woody Allen movie
34 "But there's not ___ I can do" (Supertramp lyric)
35 Martial arts expert Jhoon ___
36 Kitchen cleanup sight
40 Some sorority events
43 Prefix with puncture
44 Word in the chorus of Buster Poindexter's "Hot! Hot! Hot!"
45 "Killing Time" novelist Carr
46 John McCain or Ted Kennedy: abbr.
47 Violinist's need
48 "___ believe in yesterday"
49 JFK successor
52 His vocals appeared on Peter Gabriel's "So"
55 Most famous player of the 21-string kora
58 Works at the bar
59 "___ of Two Cities"
60 Prior to
61 GM make, for short
62 Musicians play them
63 Color associated with Chris DeBurgh
64 No vote, in congress

Down

1 Nigerian reggae artist who appeared on the anti-Apartheid "Sun City" album
2 "Break ___!"
3 It's for kids on the highway
4 Rubs elbows
5 McGregor of "Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace"
6 Band members
7 The scholarly world
8 Uninspired
9 "Put ___ Happy Face"
10 Dr. Dre's old group
11 Hair goop for Vanilla Ice
12 Blues guitarist/vocalist Chris
15 Noted Jamaican export
17 Switzerland's second-biggest city
19 Home to the Bruins
23 Reggae star from Cote D'Ivoire who calls himself an "African Rasta"
24 "But if that's how ___..." (Billy Joel line)
25 Societal standards
27 Former Van Halen name
30 Pops
31 ___ in Chains
33 Noted canal
37 Feature of some addresses
38 Vocally
39 More like "Time"
40 Served ice cream
41 One place you might hear Don Ho
42 Musical ex-president
50 Taste ___
51 Ray Parker and Hank Williams: abbr.
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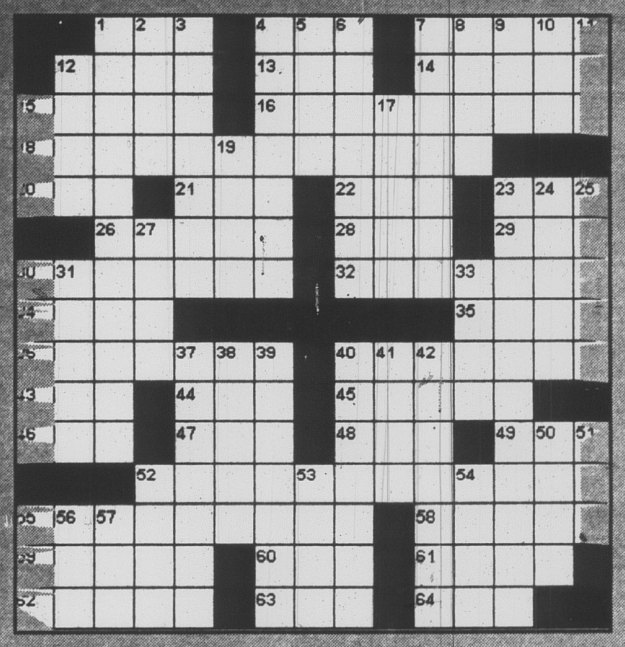
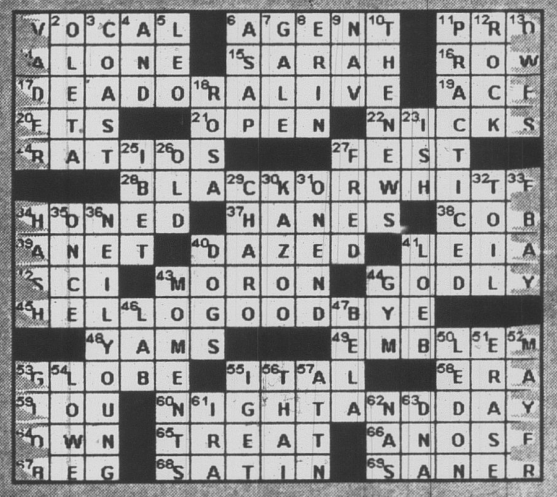
55 Mr. Morrison
56 O.J. judge
57 "How can you have any pud ding if you don't ___ your meat?"





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ARIES

Obstacles will cause you to get behind. Conversations will lead you in the wrong direction. Your reactions will be honorable, but think before you make a final decision.

TAURUS

Others may get the wrong impression if you are too open about your personal concerns. Concentrate on dealing with your own problems. Focus on your goals and success will follow.

GEMINI

Events this week will aid you in capturing the heart of someone you've been interested in for some time. Believe in yourself and make changes. The best is yet to come.

CANCER

You need to take a break and get out and experience new places and new things. People from your past will surface. Don't be too quick to pick up where you left off.

LEO

Make a decision regarding a good relationship gone bad. Don't get angry; just do what you have to do. You can make or break your personal relationship depending on how you react to situations.

VIRGO

Do something new that is relaxing yet enjoyable. This is a wonderful weekend to spend with children, friends or relatives. Let someone take responsibility for a change.

LIBRA

You won't handle criticism too well. You need to concentrate on yourself. Get busy making those changes you've been promising yourself. Long-awaited relationships can begin if you overcome your shyness and make the first move.

SCORPIO

Get together with friends or relatives. You can learn a great deal if you listen more than you talk in conversations. Take part in new activities that interest your creative side. Don't be afraid to let your interests dictate your decisions for the future.

SAGITTARIUS

Changes to your living quarters will be a positive influence on your life. Travel beckons you. Get away and try to enjoy yourself for the weekend, but go solo and reflect during your alone time.

CAPRICORN

This week's scenario is highlighted by your patience and your life experiences. You must be accommodating and refrain from making hasty emotional decisions. Now is the time to consider your life goals carefully without taking action.

AQUARIUS

Don't allow others to play with your emotions. Let them know how you feel, and what you expect out of partnerships. Don't believe everything you hear or base your responses on what you think others want you to say.

PISCES

Don't give in to others; your intuition is strong and you must follow your gut feelings. Don't become involved in a love triangle. Keep your reputation spotless. You are the master of your own destiny.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Why does breaking up stink so bad? And when you do, does the whole campus have to be involved?"

"Why are they changing all the events for Greek Week just because one sorority won everything?"

"Why won't the cold air stop blowing in the TUB?"

"Don't rant; don't rave. Criticize and praise in person."

"The new computer lab in TCF is really nice."

"I love Jubilee."

"Teachers should have to wear tuxedos to class. C'mon, show some class!"

"Bar! We need a bar!"

"I think we should have lockers. Outside lockers like in Florida."

"How is it people think Westminster and Grove City cost the same?"

"I think the TUB should have pig meat in honor of Amber. Go Ogakor!"

"What's up with the basketball intramural schedule? We only get five games. That's cool."

"I saw the Loch Ness Monster in Lake Britain. He smiled at me."

"Why is the Phi Tau lot bigger than the Russel lot?"

"How much paper do we really need to waste on the silly signs in the TUB? Less is more."

"The coffee makers in the TUB need to be updated!"

"When kids are bad, they should be put inside the orb for everyone to look at. No food either."

"I feel like I'm going to get mugged when I walk from the TUB to Galbreath at night - could we turn those lights on or what?"

"Wouldn't it be nice if you could have the e-mails addressed to 'ALL STUDENTS' automatically sent to the 'TRASH BIN?'"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Rant 'n Rave column is strictly the opinions of the students. However, due to space, some entries may not make it in every week. Also, submissions that are slanderous in nature or have vulgar language will not be published in *The Holcad*.

OUR VIEW: Campus safety

Recent events on our campus are leading students and faculty to believe that Westminster is not as safe as everyone thinks or says it is. Following the car-break-ins and petty thefts the night before men's pick-up, we heard again from students, faculty and staff: "These things don't happen at Westminster."

They don't? Why is it then that we have received an all-campus e-mail outlining the senseless destruction of Phillips Lecture Hall? And why is it that this is the fifth such incident occurring in just one week?

While the blame can be easily placed on outsiders, Westminster should take a long hard look at itself. Not too long ago (women's Pick-Up) the campus expressed outrage at the destruction of a visiting artist's work. Many other destructive incidents could be cited, but we all know too well that things have a way of breaking or disappearing at Westminster. Perhaps based on this knowledge, it is wise to investigate further who on campus may be to blame.

The problem is we don't know who to blame and those who do aren't talking. Though rumors spread like wildfire, the truth remains hidden because the identity of the knowing will soon be known and that person will have to subject himself to the scruitiny of the campus.

Our campus may be safer than some, maybe it is safer than most, but that does not mean that nothing can happen here. Remember last year when there was a man lurking around New Wilmington who everyone knew shouldn't be there?

Perhaps something valuable can be taken from these incidents of the past week and year: don't be too trusting.

> PERHAPS SOMETHING VALUABLE CAN BE TAKEN FROM THESE INCIDENTS OF THE PAST WEEK: DON'T BE TOO TRUSTING.

While we have an excellent safety record, that doesn't mean that nothing will or cannot ever happen. Students, faculty and other staff should always be cautious, even if they fear no immediate danger. While some crimes cannot be prevented, vigilance won't hurt anyone.

Campus security does a wonderful job of patroling the campus, but they can't be everywhere at once. It is important to take the extra measures to ensure nothing bad happens to you.

Don't walk alone at night and if you have no one to walk with give security a call. That's what they are there for.

Lock your car and your dorm room doors. An intruder can slip into both unnoticed in a split second. Also, a thief is more likely to steal from an unlocked room than a locked one.

Don't let others know if you have anything of value. This reduces the chance of these things getting stolen.

Don't let alcohol ruin your judgement. People become vulnerable when intoxicated.

Take a self-defense class and encourage WC to offer them as well.

Most importantly, if you see something bad happening, REPORT IT. The only way to stop crime is to combat it.

Next time you hear someone say, "Nothing bad happens at Westminster," take a second to tell them, "No, but it could." And when and if it does, you ought to be prepared.

—Westminster World—

Just another day at the Rant 'N Raves.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have heard many students complain about Westminster requiring classes on Martin Luther King Day. Their grumbles usually sound something like this: "I can't believe Westminster would not honor the life of Martin Luther King Jr. by canceling classes!" I think this statement is paradoxical; to honor this great man, we should not cancel classes. He would have wanted us to attend classes that day and to become learned in regards to race relations. I doubt Martin Luther King Jr. would ever be an advocate of class cancellations. So before you start talking about how the college should commemorate this holiday, think about what the holiday stands for and ultimately how Martin Luther King Jr. would want us to celebrate this holiday.

Sincerely,

Sarah Huffman

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response Mr. Sizemore's letter to the editor in the February 16 edition of the Holcad. Mr. Sizemore, I am sorry to hear that you did not appreciate my analogy of our network to that of a 1975 Ford Pinto. Although you may have found my analogy "foolish," "incorrect," "disrespectful," and "derogatory," allow me to tell you what I do know. There is a problem with our network, and it's a big one.

To prove this you need not go further back in time than to last Thursday when our Internet connection was down virtually all day. In addition to this you will find that the general consensus around campus is that our network "sucks." Many students have to pick and chose when to do their homework if it requires the network. One student I know refers to this as "dodging the downtime." Mr. Sizemore may feel that the students' need for a fast connection (or a working connection) is "selfish," however, we as students pay a truckload of money for its use. So it is not "selfish" for one to expect something in return. However my analogy was a bit harsh; therefore in an effort of fairness I would like to upgrade my analogy to a 1986 Aries 'K-car'.

I apologize if I came across as being "disrespectful" towards the people who maintain the network, however they must understand how frustrating it is to have professors who require the use of a network that isn't always working.

Mr. Sizemore also stated: "there are certainly issues that need to be addressed regarding the speed of the network." To this end, I would like to ask Mr. Sizemore what is being done to correct these issues and when can we expect to see some results?

Bill Jester

Dear Editor:

I am writing in support of Bill Jester. I know many students on campus that read the Holcad every week to see what new ideas Bill has come up with during the week. He writes about things that are on everyone's mind, like the performance of the network.

Bill has also become involved in a flame war with the Editor over some of his views. He has expressed his disapproval for many of the "Our View" articles by the Holcad staff. He is entitled to his opinion on the articles as much as anyone else is. However, he goes the extra step in writing replies to the editorials. I believe that more students should do this very thing. At least he stands up for his views on this campus, unlike many students.

In her reply, Sara Bozich stated that "...Bill reads a newspaper that more suits their needs for perfection such as The New York Times..." In many serious newspapers, some days the editorial replies are nothing but rants against the editorial features. Clearly with a newspaper that is circulated once a week there is not room for only replies such as those every week, but Sara should not be surprised if she receives replies contrary to her view. I believe too many times the "Our View" column is considered the view of the entire campus. Nobody replies to it so it seems everyone agrees with it, or does not care. The editors for other papers handle the criticism of the public much less critically than Sara does. I believe she needs to do the same.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lauffer

Cartoonist Wanted:

The Holcad is looking for a cartoonist to add a humorous touch to the paper each week.

Anyone interested should email the Holcad at holcad@westminster.edu or call EXT. 7224

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FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring Jennifer Leigh Swearingen and Dr. Mark James Sciutto

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Name: Jennifer Leigh Swearingen
Hometown: Georgetown, PA
Nickname: "Jenna"
Year at WC: Sophomore
Sign: Taurus
Major: Broadcast Communications/Music
Pet Peeves: "Water in my ear-I have swimming right now. And people that don't say what they mean."

SB: Would you rather be a cowboy/girl or an astronaut?
Jenna: A cowgirl because I'm afraid of heights and flying in space would kinda freak me out.
SB: What are you watching Thursday nights? Friends or Survivor II?
Jenna: (sigh) Survivor II.
SB: Do you feel that your astrological sign has an effect on your life?
Jenna: Yes-I am unbelievably stubborn. I don't let anything get in my way.
SB: What are you doing for spring break?
Jenna: Sleeping in my own bed and spending time with my family because I miss them a lot.
SB: What was your favorite TV show when you were little?
Jenna: When I was real little I was inseparable from The Muppet Show. And I wanted to marry Kermit the Frog.

Photo by Sara Bozich
Jennifer Leigh Swearingen

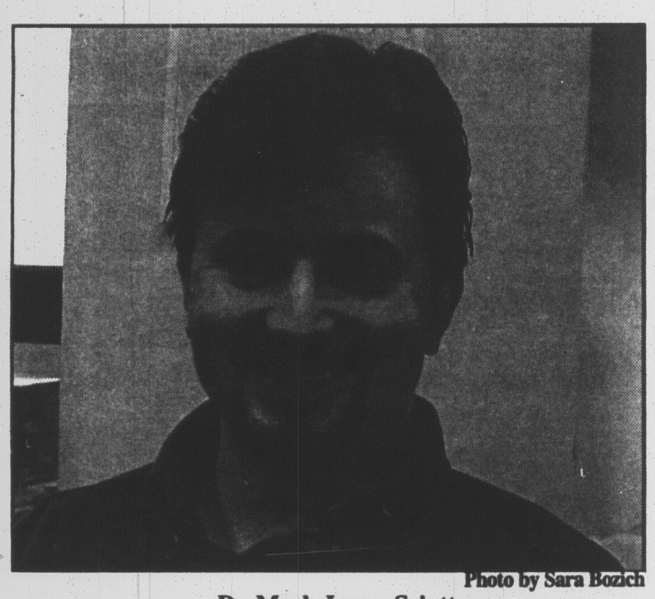

Photo by Sara Bozich
Dr. Mark James Sciutto

Name: Dr. Mark James Sciutto
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Nickname: "No-I've somehow been able to make it this far without one."
Year at WC: 5th
Sign: Aquarius
Department: Psychology
Pet Peeve: "Too many to list. Misusing affect and effect. People with a 'big fish in a small pond' attitude."

SB: Would you rather be a cowboy/girl or an astronaut?
Sciutto: An astronaut. I love to explore. And I hate large belt buckles, so...
SB: What are you watching Thursday nights? Friends or Survivor II?
Sciutto: Neither, to be honest with you. If I had to choose I'd go with Friends. I like comedy more...
SB: Do you feel that your astrological sign has an effect on your life?
Sciutto: No...I could give you a hundred reasons why, but you don't have enough space.
SB: What are you doing for spring break?
Sciutto: Going to do a little golfing and visit some family.
SB: What was your favorite TV show when you were little?
Sciutto: Not really a show...but baseball. As long as I can remember, I've always watched baseball.

PA Dutch Mardi Gras

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Here's a history lesson for ya'll. Nearly everyone is familiar with Mardi Gras, in fact WC has its own celebration of the holiday. Mardi Gras is the French name for "Fat Tuesday," and in England, it is called "Shrove Tuesday." These names describe the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. The Germans also celebrate and it's called Fasching, Fasnacht, or Karneval. Fastnacht actually means "Eve of the Feast." In Europe, Canada and Latino culture, the weeks before Lent are for partying, to put it bluntly.

The Pennsylvania Dutch only celebrate one day-Fastnacht Day, and they eat fastnachts, which are unleavened, deep-fried doughnuts. In the Central PA area, it is a widely celebrated occasion. I remember being in elementary school and eating many doughnuts in class. (I think we even had a gym teacher named Mr. Fastnacht) My sister once took a field trip to watch the making of fastnachts.

Even chain doughnut stores participate, putting up posters announcing Fastnacht Day and offering specials. The goal is to eat the best, and perhaps the most fastnachts before Lent.

The last person out of bed on Fastnacht Day is called the "fastnacht" and has to do all the chores that day. It was said that those who did not eat fastnachts on that day would bring bad luck for their entire family. Many years ago, the Pennsylvania Dutch took the oil the fastnachts were fried in and rubbed it on farm tools and wagons to guarantee a good harvest and to keep pests from destroying the crops.

If you're ambitious, you can try them yourself. This recipe is considered traditional. The recipe notes that the lard can be substituted with vegetable oil.

MAKES 2-1/2 DOZEN

INGREDIENTS
2 cups milk, scalded and cooled to lukewarm
1/3 cup lard (or vegetable oil)
3/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. salt
2 eggs, beaten
1 pkg. dry yeast, dissolved in 1/2 cup lukewarm water
All-purpose unbleached flour to stiffen, about 3 pounds

Mix together all ingredients except flour. Gradually add flour, stirring well, using spoon until too thick. Then use hands and start kneading, gradually adding more flour until no longer sticky. Cover with wet cloth and let rise in warm place for about 4 hours.

Roll dough on floured board to 1/2 to 3/4-inch thickness. Cut into rectangles about 2-1/2 x 3-1/2 inches. Make hole in center. Place on floured board and let rise about one hour.

Deep fry in lard or vegetable oil at 360° until golden brown. Flip to other side and brown. Drain on paper towels. (Recipe can easily be doubled)

Recipe found on "Teri's Recipe Page" http://members.aol.com/tfost123/padutch/fastnachts.html

This recipe comes from Minnie Schlegel of Fleetwood, PA.

April Fool's Feature contest

One faculty winner and one student winner will get to give Sara Bozich a taste of her own medicine.

Attention all willing participants (faculty as well as students): The Holcad's favorite Features Editor, Sara Bozich, is asking YOU to interview her for student of the week for the April Fool's Day edition.

Does Sara ever appear intrusive asking such peculiar questions in the Student/Faculty Person of the Week section of her Features page? Do you often ask yourself, "Where does she get this stuff?" What if the tables were turned and you had the opportunity to get the dirt from her? Take this opportunity to retaliate by submitting a list of five questions you would like Sara to answer. So, get to it and submit your list of questions to the Holcad. Remember, they must be innovative, creative and original or you won't stand a chance.

Ogakor strikes back; the underdog gains immunity

Amber rallies tribe members for the win

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

As the brush fires continue to get closer to both tribal camps, tension within each tribe heats up as well. No one knows that better than Kucha's Kimmi, whose obsessive whining over the tribe's chickens (won in last week's award challenge) and their demise clashes with her tribe's views on eating meat (not to mention the clash between her and her tribe's views on her lack of desire to bathe for fear of what is in the water).

Mike again showed enthusiasm for gore while killing the chickens - "Lets shed some blood." Jeff comments on it as well, "Let's chop their eyeballs out so Mike can eat them."

With another loss during this week's reward challenge, Ogakor has a tough time boosting morale for the immunity challenge. Amber even breaks into tears, wondering when and if her tribe will ever win. They may not have won the reward challenge, which promised toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, spices, blankets and soup mix to the victor of a race on homemade stretchers, but they did finally win an immunity challenge.

Amber gives her tribe a pep talk explaining that they need "mind and heart" to win the immunity challenge, which involved a maze this week. Each tribe had to make it through the maze collecting various medallions numbered 1-5 in order. Ogakor finally wins and Kimmi is booted off the island.

HEALTH

Workout review: the physical and spiritual benefits of Yoga

Photo by Aly Karg

Yoga offers not only relaxation, but a chance for meditation.

By Dee Natale
STAFF WRITER

The latest fitness craze comes with a five thousand-year pedigree and may be the mother of all exercises, according to Yoga Zone's "Introduction to Yoga."

"We have seen a resurgence of interest in yoga in the past several years," said Director of Continuing Education, Carol Yova. "A whole new generation is discovering its benefits."

Response to the spring session for beginners (session B) has been overwhelming, according to Yova. A second session may be added to accommodate the overflow. "Yoga appeals to all ages and fitness levels," instructor Kathy Birkholz said. "The reasons for practicing yoga are as varied as the participants."

Vicki Mann, instructor in the music department, was drawn to yoga for its relaxation techniques.

"It not only relaxes me, but it is the best stretching I have ever done," Mann said. "Knowing how to breathe properly is also very important."

Sophomores Anne Smith, Sarah Fast and Shana Johns enrolled in the intermediate class as an extension of their exercise routine.

"I was doing Tae-Bo and weights and thought it would be neat to try something new," Smith said. "All the Hollywood people are doing it and they look pretty good, so I thought I'd try it."

Misconceptions about yoga's purpose, origin and benefits are common, according to Gina Ditzenberger, wellness director at the New Castle Community Y.

"Yoga is a science, not a religion," Ditzenberger said. "The combination of breathing techniques, poses and relaxation produce benefits that have stood the test of time."

Smith, Fast and Johns had misconceptions about the effectiveness of a yoga workout.

"I thought it was more for older people," Johns said. "I was surprised at how intense it is and how it stretches your muscles."

The term "yoga" includes many different types of practice. Hatha yoga is probably the most familiar branch of yoga in the Western world, according to Yoga Zone's "Introduction to Yoga." It was introduced in the United States at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago, Illinois, in 1893. It is used to stretch tight areas, strengthen weak areas and bring balance to the body. Other types of yoga include viniyoga, emphasizing breathing; Iyenga yoga, incorporating the use of props and ashtanga yoga, a progressive practice on which power yoga is based. Yogis (persons who practice yoga) often combine one or more styles.

"We offered meditative yoga in the past," said Yova. "The yoga we are offering this year is more physical, more active."

Benefits of yoga include stress reduction, increased energy and vitality, improved concentration and prevention of illness, according to "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Yoga."

"I really enjoyed this class and would recommend it to anyone," Fast said. "Even if you don't wish to practice yoga, the few relaxation and breathing techniques...are extremely beneficial in anything you do."

New sessions begin March 19 and April 23. The cost of each session is $55. For more information, call 946-7353.

Early classes may not have a direct effect on student health

By Jessica Borchart
STAFF WRITER

The average college student needs about eight hours of sleep each night. With Westminster scheduling classes at 7:40 in the morning, it can be difficult for students to get amount of sleep their bodies need.

Without enough sleep, some students have a hard time paying attention in class at such an early hour. Suzanne Prestien, professor of English, commented, "Most students are not ready to learn or participate at 7:40; they're still wiping the sleep out of their eyes! I think anything before 9:00 is pretty tough on teachers and students."

But does getting up for an early class have an effect on a student's health?

Judy Duda, Director of the Student Health Center, says no. She does not see a direct correlation between 7:40 classes and poor health. She says there are many things that can cause a person to be sick. Sleep depravation is a factor, but not the only one. When ill students go to the Health Center, they don't give their schedules, so it is hard for the doctors and staff to see a relationship between the two.

Sophomore Genelle Talmage hates early classes.

"I become more tired later in the day and have to take naps. These naps cut into my work time." Talmage said.

Freshman Courtney Sass has a different opinion.

"I like having my class at 7:40," Sass said. "I am done with my classes early. It gives me the rest of the day to do things I want to do."

Photo by Kelly Eddy

Students struggle to pay attention in an early morning class.

Fitness center safety: How clean are the campus facilities?

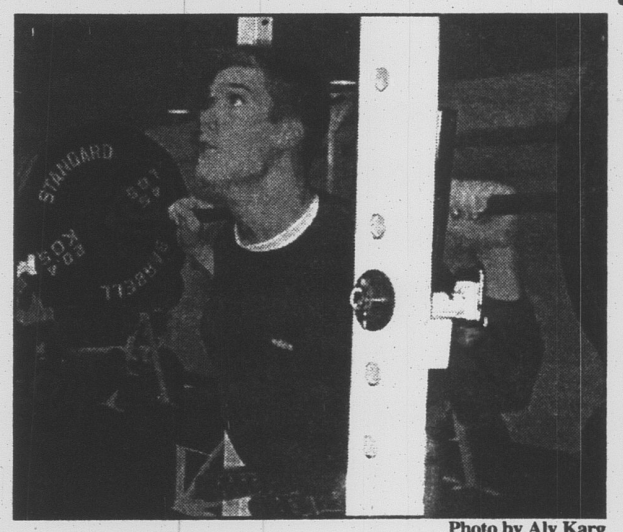

Photo by Aly Karg

A young patron of the fitness center pushes himself to the limit.

By James Baron
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster fitness center has a lot to offer: a good workout, cardiovascular health...and germs? For those of you who use the fitness center on campus, you may be surprised with what else you could get out of your workout. With so many different people using the equipment, there is a substantial chance to pick up germs. There are towels provided for every person who wants one. These towels, however, only clean up the sweat and not the germs left behind.

Brian Kocian, a sophomore and avid weight lifter, feels that there are more benefits to working out in the center than there are drawbacks. "I feel safe working out in our weight room because I know all of the equipment is disinfected every night after closing time," Kocian said. "In a situation where you have many sweaty people in a small room, there is always a great risk of the spread of infection, but the staff does a very good job in preventing this. The benefits of working out far outweigh the possibility of catching a bug."

When junior weight room staff member Scott Fabry was asked about the fitness center conditions, he confirmed the fact that the center was kept extremely clean. "Every night, before I leave, I make sure that every piece of machinery is cleansed and disinfected," Fabry said. "In addition to that, it is a common duty to sweep the floors and unplug all of the equipment. Of course, there is the chance of spreading germs throughout the course of the day, but the likelihood of this happening is greatly diminished by the regular cleaning at night." When asked if he has ever gotten sick due to using the equipment in the facility, Fabry responded "No dice." Fabry recommends that everyone wash their hands before and after working out to reduce the risk of infection.

It is doubtful that anyone would stray from the fitness center because of the fear of germs. Knowing that the risk of sickness is low will give people a sense of comfort. Sophomore Geoff Balla believes that the upkeep of a healthy fitness center is extremely important. "I know that I would not use the weight room if it were not kept as clean as it is," Balla said. "(Working out in the fitness center) would be extremely hazardous to my health, and the health of others if the machines were not kept in tip-top condition...I feel no risk of getting sick just from using the equipment here knowing how well it is kept up."

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP continues March 6 at 7 a.m. in Lindley Dining Hall with Hope Commins as the meeting leader.

THE FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL features Black Robe Tuesday, March 6, at 8 p.m. in the Down Under. The film follows the perilous journey of an idealistic Jesuit priest Father Laforgue into the Canadian wilderness to convert the Huron Indians where he becomes known as "Black Robe" by his Algonquin guides. Torn between his own desires and ideals, Father Laforgue's faith is tested by the elements and by capture. Free popcorn and soft drinks will be available before the show.

FACULTY FORUM continues Wednesday, March 7, at Patterson 131 with a presentation from Dr. Deborah C. Mitchell and Dr. Frederick Horn. Their topic, "In Search of King Arthur: January in the UK," covers the January trip to England.

THE WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OFFICE OF AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES is seeking motivated individuals for the position of Audio Visual Assistant for the 2001-2002 Academic year. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, April 21. A.V. Services is an instructional support operation created for the faculty of Westminster College whose mission is to provide educational service and support for the college's academic needs. You can call Gary Swanson at EXT. 7188 or stop by the office in Freeman Hall 110 for further information.

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BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK in South Dakota has many internships available. Interns receive $1,000 reimbursement for expenses, free housing and $75 for uniforms. Interns must report May 19 and stay until August 18. To apply send an email to badl_internships@nps.gov or call (605) 433-5245.

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EDUCATION MAJORS: The Career Center has a listing of job fairs for prospective teachers all across the country, including those in our area, published by the American Association for Employment in Education. For a copy, call EXT. 7338.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH will hold a job fair for positions available there, Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., in the William Pitt Union, Oakland Campus. For more info, visit: http://www.hr.pitt.edu.

THE MEDIA WORKSHOPS, based at UCLA, will give practical career and professional planning advice for Hollywood's motion picture and recording studios, TV production centers and newspaper facilities. There are four workshops this summer. For more info, call Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338 or the Media Workshops Foundation: 1-800-223-4561, or visit: www.mediaworkshops.org.

NEW JERSEY THEATRE ALLIANCE job fair for administrative and technical positions in the theatre: Sat. March 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit www.njtheatrealliance.com.

NEW CASTLE ROTARY CLUB is offering a scholarship for study abroad. It provides up to $25,000 for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, educational supplies, contingency expenses and one month of intensive language training, if necessary. Applications can be obtained from the district scholarship chairman, Nick Binder, 108 Ashberry Lane, New Castle, PA 16105, or telephone (724) 654-1434. Applications must be completed and returned by June 1.

SOUTHWEST OHIO EDUCATION JOB FAIR, Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. will be held in the Cincinnati suburb of Sharonville. For more info, call Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338, or log on to www.effronassociates.com.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 2
11:40 a.m. Chapel
All Day Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band — Orr Auditorium
SGA Training Weekend
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Rashomon - Beeghly Theater
7:30 p.m. Jazz Concert — TUB Lounge
Alpha Gamma Delta Date Party

SATURDAY 3
All Day Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band — Orr Auditorium
SGA Training Weekend
9:00 a.m. RA Fishbowl (Interview Process)
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Rebecca Hall - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Rashomon - Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents: Tommy Blaze (comedian) — Down Under

SUNDAY 4
Pittsburgh Spring Fling
Kappa Delta Mother-Daughter Day
SGA Training Weekend
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Nora Drake - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:00 p.m. Preview Meeting for HAWAII IN JANUARY 2002
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

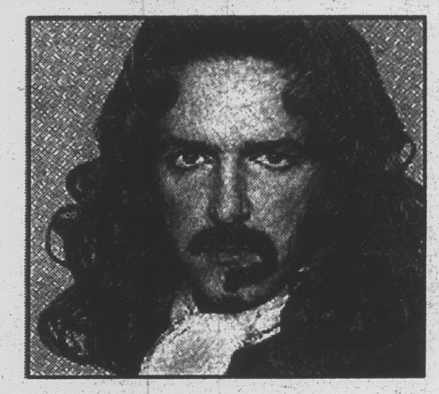
MONDAY 5
LLP Block IV Classes Begin This Week
LAST DAY FOR A 60% REFUND
Phi Mu Unity Week
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230

TUESDAY 6
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Internship Day Interviews — TUB Lounge
5:00 p.m. SAA Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
6:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel
7:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal — Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. VISA Head Start Orientation — TUB A/B
8:00 p.m. Foreign Film Festival: Black Robe - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 7
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum - TUB A/B
4:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Initiation — TUB A/B
6:00 p.m. "Murder Mystery" Presented by Ferguson Hall Residence Life and Alpha Psi Omega — Down Under
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
6:30 p.m. Career Center Preparation for WestPACS — TUB A/B
7:30 p.m. Newman Club Eucharistic Adoration — Chapel
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TUB A/B
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting - Location TBA
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - CFH 111
9:30 p.m. Seekers - Down Under
SGA Banquet

THURSDAY 8
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - TUB A/B
11:30 a.m. Solo Jazz Guitar Performance — Orr Lobby
4:00 p.m. Kappa Delta Initiation — TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon - Thompson House

FRIDAY 9
Last Day for Fall Semester Incompletes
Last Meal Before Break (Board Plan): LUNCH
Baseball Team Spring Trip, Virginia
Golf Spring Break Trip
SAA to ASAP District II Conference in Ithaca, NY
All Day PMEA Song Fest - Orr Auditorium
2:00 p.m. TUB Grille Closes for Break
6:00 p.m. RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE FOR SPRING BREAK
10:00 p.m. Walton-Mayne Closes



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Ask the Question Marquis

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: I'm a two-timer. My boyfriend doesn't know that I've been cheating on him. Anyway, yesterday he told me he's hired a lawyer to help him legally change his name to...get this...the name of the guy I'm cheating on him with! That's very screwed up. – Christina in NY*

A: Um...you don't...perhaps...in that case...no. You must CHALLENGE...yourself–to a duel. Yes.

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: Just the other day, I was at the library using the computer catalog thing, and this total stranger stops and he acts all concerned and offers to help me. But I didn't need any help! I'm sick of people treating me like an idiot just because I'm beautiful. – Kara in D.C.*

A: First of all, thank you for being beautiful. It takes courage. Now, I once overheard Descartes saying that it is not so much that men think beautiful women are stupid, as that beautiful women make men stupid, and then they just try to talk to them on their own level. But René would say anything to the girls at those singles salons, so who can say if it is true. I know nothing of such things myself. In honesty, I have never been able to get past a beautiful woman's...euh...beautifulness...to even notice her intellect. But I will try to answer your question.

To begin with, anyone who insults your intelligence you must challenge to a duel. That goes without saying. But I must ask, was this stranger an American? If so, that makes no sense for him to consider you stupid–it is as the pot calling the other pot a kettle, or however that goes.

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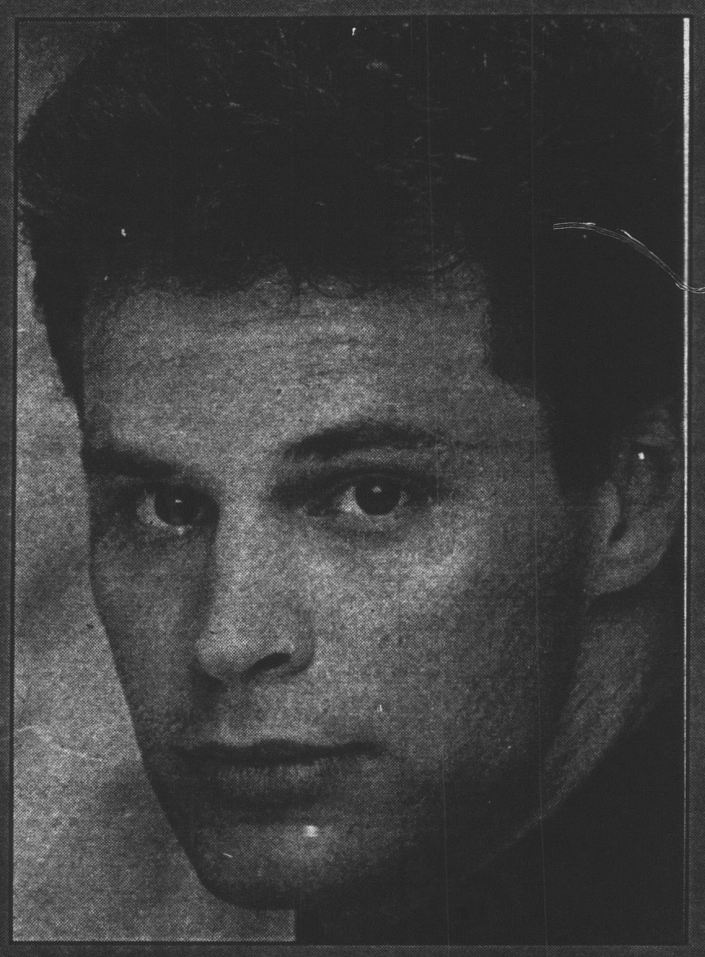

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Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 p.m.

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Spring Break sends students packing

By Mike Power
STAFF WRITER

With graduation just a few months away, many of Westminster's seniors are starting the celebration early as they make final preparations for the weeklong vacation of spring break.

After the midterm exams have been taken, presentations given and projects have been turned in, many seniors will pack their bags and head to warmer temperatures. A few of these warmer vacation destinations are Daytona Beach, Ft. Lauderdale and Virginia Beach.

With these plans drawing near, many seniors are feeling the effects of spring fever.

"It's hard to concentrate on my schoolwork when the only thing on my mind is leaving for Daytona Beach," Senior Brian Rigby said.

One of the hottest spring break destinations this year is Daytona Beach.

"I'm very excited to go to Daytona Beach Spring Break. It's one of the biggest spring break vacations in the country for college students," Senior Jacquelyn Selznick said.

Not all Westminster students are heading South for break, however. Some students are looking forward to going home, spending time with family and most importantly, relaxing.

"My idea of spring break is going home, laying on my couch with the remote control in my hand, catching up on sleep, relaxing and enjoying the time off," Senior Matt MacMerdo said.

Not everyone has plans for celebration and relaxation, however. Some seniors are planning on working over their break and making plans for after graduation.

"I have to go home and work. Make some money for the rest of the semester. I also have to work on some resumes and take a couple interviews," Senior Jodie Bracoto said.

Contributed Photo

Friends (front) Nikki Beaver, Erika Hink, (back) Samor Himes, Christina Kuhn and Shannon Lutz enjoy their Spring Break in Panama City Beach, Florida.

Phillips Lecture Hall vandal still unknown

By Heidi Krieger
STAFF WRITER

On Mar. 1 Gary Swanson, director of AV services, and a student he was training entered Phillips Lecture Hall where they found the brand new projection equipment in disrepair. The remote casing was broken, the volume cranked up all the way, the room that houses the projection equipment was unlocked and the access panel was left open with all of the settings changed.

"It may have been a combination of things where maybe somebody dropped the remote, I don't know, and that's when it broke, but there's a telephone right there with our phone number right on it," Swanson said. "To me that's showing a little responsibility if it was an accident calling and saying 'I'm sorry but this was broken during my class.'"

While Swanson was hesitant to call what happened in Phillips Lecture Hall vandalism, Assistant Dean John Lechner was not.

"It is vandalism," he said. "If it was accidental, why wouldn't you report it?"

But whether or not it was vandalism, the message remains the same - taking responsibility for your actions.

"My point is I hope people will take a little more responsibility, make sure these things are locked up when they're done with them and keep an eye on them because they are nice resources when they work," Swanson said.

As it turns out, finding the problem with the equipment that day averted a near catastrophe. Alignment of a projector can take anywhere from one to five hours. A videoconference was held in the hall on Mar. 3 for about 300 people. Had Swanson not discovered the problem, it would have been embarrassing for the college.

"I'm not pointing the finger at anybody," Swanson said. "I'm more concerned about making sure it doesn't happen again."

This year around $20,000 has been spent to repair the equipment. The projectors in the smart classrooms cost $35,000 - $50,000 initially. While some of the money spent was for routine repairs, the amount is much higher than previous years.

Swanson said the best way to prevent things like this from happening is to know about the equipment.

"If you need to use these rooms and you're

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Vandalism cases on campus decline

Vandalism has come to the attention of the college community many times this semester, but the number of reported cases is actually slightly lower this year.

In the first 60 days of 2001, six cases of vandalism were reported, four fewer than the 10 reported in the same time interval in 2000.

Assistant Dean John Lechner said the best way to combat vandalism if for people to stand up for themselves and come forward with information they may have of the crime.

"Stop allowing yourself to be victimized,"

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Saturday: Snow high 41° low 19°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Field house renovation and construction continues

By Jacquelyn Selznick
STAFF WRITER

A $1.8 million expansion and renovation project is underway on the Memorial Field House. Construction has been underway since April 28, 2000, when groundbreaking originally took place.

A large portion of the donation was given by 1942 Westminster graduate James F. Edwards, who participated in Cross Country and track while obtaining a degree in Business Administration.

The project will double the training room size, add five new varsity locker rooms, three women's and two men's, turn current storage area into staff offices and add a large visiting team locker room capable of holding three separate teams at once.

Athletic Director, Jim Dafler, thinks that adding additional locker room space will help overlapping sports schedules, especially in the fall when virtually every team is either playing or practicing.

When the field house was first built in 1950, there were only eight varsity sports. With the addition of women's golf and indoor/outdoor track, next year the field house will house 20 varsity sports. "With the number of teams we have, new locker rooms are essential," Dafler said.

Often times, when there are a lot of sporting events taking place in the field house, the pool is shut down and used as visiting team locker room facilities. The additional locker rooms will allow the pool to remain open for more recreational swim.

Junior Desiree Henry, a cross county team member, agrees with Dafler. "We definitely need new facilities. The size of the current locker rooms are ridiculous," Henry said.

Completion of the project is scheduled for August of 2001, just in time for next year's football season.

Photo by Aly Karg

Field house construction is nearing completion.

Old 77 past and present: the history of Westminster recreation

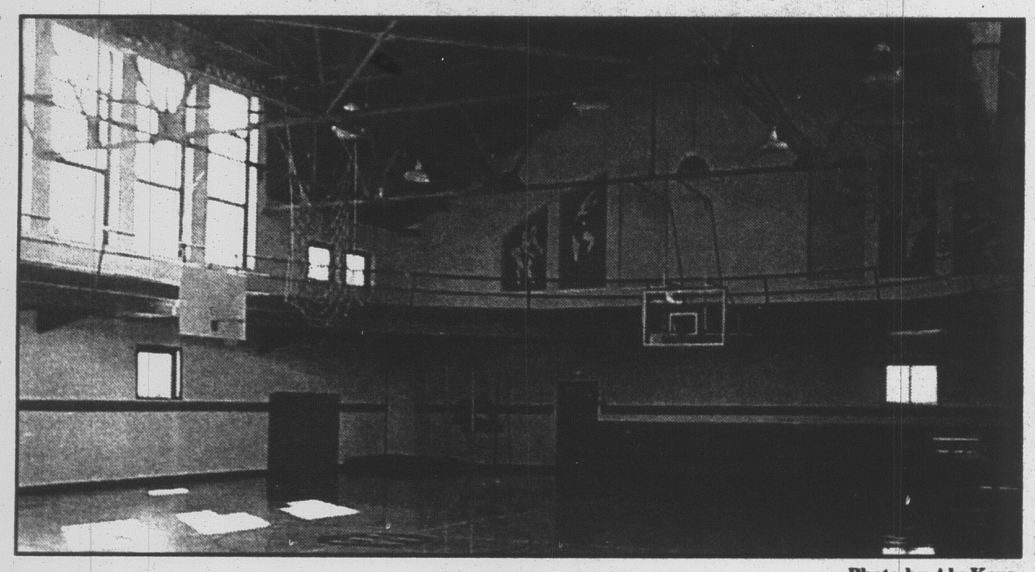

Photo by Aly Karg

Old 77 represents the history of Titan athletics.

By Jody Miron
STAFF WRITER

Old 77 may not have as much significance to Westminster students today, but history tells a different story.

According to Joseph Onderko, sports information director, students probably are not aware of the history behind Old 77.

With renovations in Thompson Clark and an addition onto the Field House, many overlook the campus's oldest buildings and most do not know their histories.

"Old 77 is important to Westminster's history, it represents Titan athletics," said H. Dewey DeWitt, curator of McGill.

In 1919, the withdrawal of the Student Army Training Corps and the flu epidemic dropped enrollment and left campus activities somewhat disorganized.

In that same year, students organized a "Pep Movement," calling for the entire student body to "boost" the college.

At a meeting in February, students adopted the slogan "A New Gym by 1920, and 200 New Students Next Fall."

By March, the Board appointed a committee to work with students and the administration for a new gymnasium and an increase in enrollment.

At the June board meeting, the committee that had been working with students presented a report and recommended proceeding immediately with a new gym.

The following year brought the development of the "New World Movement," a denominational money-raising program. This program proposed to support the college in a five-year development program and was approved by the movement officials.

The program called for $827,000 to be paid to the college for the construction of the gymnasium, a boy's dormitory, a library, an auditorium and an administration building.

By June 7, 1921, on Alumni Day, the new gym building was finished and dedicated. Old 77 had been completed in about a year's time at a cost of approximately $145,000.

The gymnasium was later renamed Old 77 in 1951 when the Titan basketball team finished the year with a record of 77 straight home victories, said James Dafler, director of athletics.

"Old 77 is used primarily for varsity sports practices, intramurals, physical education classes, dance studio for class and dance theatre, and hold physical fitness equipment," said Onderko.

Today, 80 years later, Old 77 is still used and provides co-curricular activities for students.

"Old 77 is a recreational link to Westminster's athletic past and today students still enjoy the gym for recreational purposes," Dafler said.

In like a lion, out like a lamb...March weather ushers in spring

By Pamela Stennis
STAFF WRITER

Roars in like a lion, eases out like a lamb. We've all heard March referred to in this way once or twice.

Traditionally March is known as the windy month. In some parts of the country, especially the South and Mid-West, March marks the beginning of tornado season.

"I can definitely relate to the March cliché because I am a North Carolina native and it tends to get very windy in Piedmont, especially around the coast," Freshman Dana Sherman said.

In the North, the weather becomes unpredictable. There is a combination of high winds and snow because winter is not yet over.

"I hate this time of year because I have a three hour drive home to Columbus, Ohio and it's terrible weather to drive in," Sophomore Becky Adamson said.

Other students recalled the 1993 March blizzard that lasted about a week.

"Winter was terrible that year, I remember the snow was up to my knees," Freshman Kara Stivason said.

Some students felt that the cliché was not always true.

"I believe the March cliché only holds true sometimes, especially in Pennsylvania," Senior Liz Gonda said.

March weather also makes it difficult for those who like to shop.

"The Grove City outlets are one of my favorite places to shop, but when winter hits, the outlets are off limits," Sophomore Beth Dougherty said.

All the students agree that they are relieved when the end of March comes, the lion's roar settles down and we ease into April and prepare for spring.

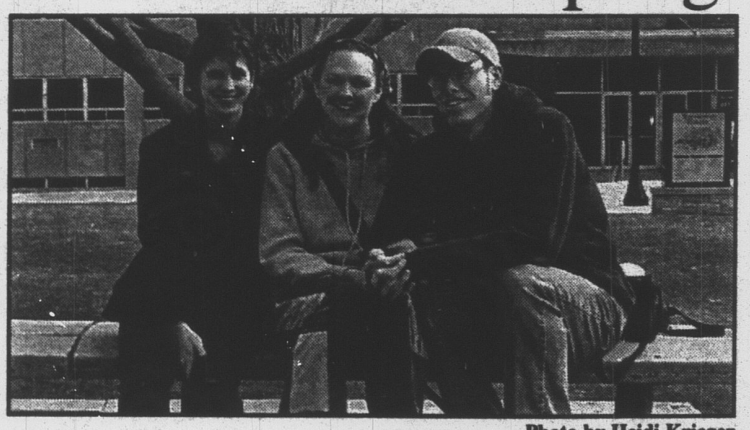

Photo by Heidi Krieger

The picnic table outside the TUB is a hot spot for people who want to enjoy the spring weather.

Greek Week events to change to increase participation

By Robin Frost
STAFF WRITER

Greek Week, a competition among the five sororities and five fraternities, will soon be making its annual appearance at Westminster.

According to Sarah Anzelmo, one of the Senior Greek Week Chairs, Greek Week serves the purpose of uniting all Greeks for a common cause by creating a healthy rivalry.

"It is also a good opportunity to have fun and blow off steam before finals," Anzelmo said.

Greek Week is wrapped up with the annual "Sing 'N Swing," for which each sorority and fraternity chooses a song or series of songs from a common theme and creates a dance to go along with it.

This year the events will take place April 23-27. Events and competitions are voted on by the Greek Week Committee, which is chaired by Anzelmo, Nathan Tengowski, Marissa Betters and Alan Eargle.

While the theme remains the same as in past years, many changes have been made to this year's Greek Week.

Perhaps one of the biggest changes is the decision to replace the "Anything That Floats" competition. In this competition each fraternity built a vehicle to float across the lake while carrying two people, which was then pulled by two swimmers. Many times in the past, people have fallen in the lake during this event and have been injured or become ill.

This year the Soapbox Derby will replace "Anything That Floats." Each sorority and fraternity will create its own "go cart" to race. Other new events include, Bocci, Tricycle racing, a Triathlon and a cupcake-eating contest. The Greek Olympics have also been modified.

Anzelmo notes that there has been a push to make the events less athletic and more fun, so that it is not so seriously competitive.

"Of course, there should be some competition, but we think it is more important for everyone to just go out there and have a good time," Anzelmo said.

Many of the most popular events, such as the pool tournament, football and the Greek Feud will remain.

The annual picnic, which in the past has been hosted by a different fraternity each year, has also been changed. It is now called "Feast and Fire" and will be open to all students, not just those who belong to a sorority or fraternity.

"We hope that independents will also want to get more involved in Greek Week, even if it's just to come down to the games to get a laugh out some of the crazier events," Anzelmo said.

At the end of the week, trophies are given out to the winners of each individual event. There are three big awards, one for the overall winner of Greek Week, one for the winner of the Greek Olympics and the Spirit Award.

Brother or Sister of the Year for each sorority and fraternity will also be awarded, as well as Greek God and Goddess.

Although Sing 'N Swing is separate from the Greek Week competition, it is considered the wrap-up to the week. The winner of Sing 'N Swing also takes home a trophy.

"We hope to build off the success of last year's Greek Week and hope that all Greeks at Westminster will participate this year," Tengowski said. "It should be a good time!"

Independent men policy to be reviewed at next IFC meeting

By Daesha Falcione
STAFF WRITER

A policy that was discussed and voted upon by the five fraternities stated that after pick-up day and the two weekends after (March 2-3 and 9), independent men would no longer be allowed to attend open fraternity parties.

The question the campus is asking now is: Will this policy be enforced and continue after March 9?

"The fraternities are worried about numbers," Coach Scott Renninger said. The numbers have been excessively low the past couple of years for rush. The slow rush years have lead to a lack of income for the fraternities.

Each fraternity has specific financial obligations that must be met to keep the house running. Some of the expenses are electricity, plumbing, and most importantly, insurance.

"The houses are privately owned by an alumni corporation," Coach Renninger said, "They are protecting their invested interest."

This policy was not created to pressure anyone into joining a fraternity. "We are not trying to scare anyone away," IFC President, Jake Gleason said, "It is for us to get to know the pledges."

Each fraternity is different in its own way. "There is a place for everyone on this campus, if they want," Coach Renninger said.

"It makes the new pledges think, why go through it even if they can come to the parties," President of Theta Chi, Chris Leas said, "It's a difference of member and non-member."

The policy will be decided upon on March 25 at an IFC meeting. The voting starts at each individual house. Whatever the house decides, the presidents then come with their opinions and vote.

"It is just to benefit ourselves," President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Beau McElfresh said.

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not familiar with the equipment, you shouldn't be embarrassed to ask for help."

In his campus wide email, John Deegan, Jr., vice president and dean, reminded the campus that the use of these facilities is a privilege, not a right.

"Those who abuse this privilege run the risk of having the privilege withdrawn and face the prospect of dismissal and/or making financial reparations to the College," Deegan said in his email.

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Lechner said. "People know who do it, but no one comes forward. When you do that you're setting yourself up to be victimized."

Lechner added that peer pressure is the greatest deterrent to vandalism. If people see that they will not be laughed at or heralded for their destruction they will be less likely to commit the crime.

"Stand up and say enough is enough," Lechner said. He urged people to come forward when crimes are committed.

"Doing the right thing isn't always easy, but it's always right," he said.

President R. Thomas Williamson also stressed students taking control of safety on campus.

"I always want to remind students, students in particular, but faculty and staff members as well, that as safe as New Wilmington is and Westminster's campus is, for that reason we should always remember that safety is everybody's concern. We need to look out for each other and be smart about how we conduct our everyday lives and of course personal safety is a chief concern," Williamson said.

Chapel Corner: Rev. Dirk M. Lesnett to speak at Vespers

By Scott Hoffman
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

His name is Dirk. That is no typo. His name is truly Dirk, and I think it is safe to say he is the only "Dirk" Westminster has ever had the privilege of inviting to speak at Vespers. His full name is Rev. Dr. Dirk M. Lesnett and he will be the speaker this Sunday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Lesnett is no stranger to the pulpit, considering he is currently serving as pastor at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. He is also no stranger to ministry on college campuses as he has been connected to the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) for about twenty years now. In fact, one of Dr. Lesnett's claims to fame is that he attended the first ever Jubilee conference sponsored by the CCO in 1981.

The title of Dr. Lesnett's message is "The Invitation to be Significant." He will address the topic of Christ's invitation to follow him which leads us, as Dr. Lesnett puts it, "into unknown adventures and requires our abandonment of known securities."

Dr. Lesnett and his wife Van have two young sons-seven-year-old Matthew and seventeen-month-old Andrew. He is very passionate about biblical meanings and the role of family in the purposes of God.

Come to the chapel Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. to hear Dirk speak.

Alumna Ashley Davis takes assistant position in West Wing

By Emily Ludovici
STAFF WRITER

Ashley E. Davis, a 1997 Westminster graduate, took a position in the West Wing of the White House Sat., Jan. 20. Her title is special assistant for management and administration.

Davis was involved with many campus organizations while she was a student. Some of the organizations included Mortar Board, Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, the Student Government Association and Students in Free Enterprise. Davis was also one of the students chosen to be a part of the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges in 1996-97.

Davis graduated with a Public Relations major and a Political Science minor. "Ashley Davis was all about focus when she was here. She knew what she wanted to do, and she worked hard to gather the skills she would need," Dr. James E. Perkins, professor of English and chair of the Department of English and Public Relations said.

Davis had an internship in Governor Ridge's office while she was still here at Westminster. Before she graduated, she was offered a position with Greenlee Partners, which is a public affairs company located in Harrisburg.

She took a leave of absence from Greenlee Partners in order to work for the Bush campaign, the Republican National Convention and the Bush Transition Team. Davis's job is to report directly to Deputy Assistant to the President, Hector Irastorza, Jr. Irastorza is responsible for administration and logistics for the White House, Air Force One and Camp David.

"I believe her liberal arts background and her public relations training and experience will serve her well in her new post in the White House," Perkins said.

Davis is the daughter of Kathy Giles. Giles is the receptionist in the Pennsylvania Governor's Office.

For the latest report on Westminster's lobbies, see page 17.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Woman denies castrating and killing her husband

By Johnna A. Pro
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Tammy Felbaum yesterday denied killing her husband, saying he caused his own death by overdosing on drugs after castrating himself.

In a tearful, 90-minute jailhouse interview with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette yesterday, Felbaum said her husband, James J. Felbaum, 40, had tried before to castrate himself.

"I have never, ever hurt anyone. I would never hurt him," said Tammy Felbaum, 42. She is a transsexual who is charged with homicide, aggravated assault, reckless endangerment and practicing medicine without a license in connection with the death of her husband Feb. 25.

She is being held in the women's wing of the Cambria County Prison because of overcrowding in the Butler County Jail. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for Friday.

"I just wish he could come back. It's like a nightmare," she said.

Authorities said that because of the pain from the castration and an overdose of medication, James Felbaum's gag reflex was numb and he choked on his own vomit. He was pronounced dead at Grove City Hospital.

They contend Tammy Felbaum performed the surgery and that evidence taken from the couple's mobile home in rural Marion in Butler County supports their claim. Among the evidence is a letter in which James Felbaum consented to the procedure.

Felbaum, though, said her husband performed the surgery on himself, without her knowledge and while she slept. Her role was limited to that of nursemaid.

"After it was over, I took care of him," Felbaum said. She believes her husband overdosed when she wasn't looking and that the drugs alone killed him. He was addicted to oxycodone, a painkiller.

"He overdosed. Period," she said, tightly clutching the intercom phone receiver in her slender fingers.

"They're making it seem like I'm the mastermind and he was some kind of a child. We're talking about someone who was six feet tall. He was twice as big as me. He was a typical male times 10. I personally don't think that the surgery had anything to do with his death."

She said after she found out her husband had castrated himself, she gave him ice packs and pain medication, cooked homemade chili for him and kept him comfortable for the next 2 1/2 days.

But when she awakened early that Sunday morning, he was unresponsive.

"I woke up and his face was blue. As soon as I saw it, I called 911," she said. "I figured he overdosed. You just don't turn blue."

Felbaum said she administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to no avail.

"I can't believe he died. It's like I'm floating and this isn't happening to me," she said, crying. "There was nothing I could do. I called 911. I really tried to help. It was the worst thing that ever happened to me.

"I did not want my husband to die. Period. I did everything I could to save him. I even freaked out on the ambulance guys because I didn't think they did enough," she said. "This is all just unbelievable."

Felbaum, who underwent a sex change in 1980, said she is distressed that her transsexuality and sometimes lurid past cast a cloud over the death of her husband, who she met through a mutual friend seven years ago.

"They've taken a private thing and made it ugly. As black and ugly as it could be made," she said. "I really did love him. I stuck by him through everything. Not his family. Me," she said. "He took me for all my faults. I took him for his."

Felbaum said that her husband's reasons for wanting to castrate himself were a private matter between them. She said he tried the same procedure on himself a little more than a year ago.

U of Pitt student dies suspiciously in South Korea

By Bill Schackner
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Jamie Penich loved to travel, especially overseas. So her family back home in Derry Township, Westmoreland County, wasn't surprised to learn the 21-year-old University of Pittsburgh junior planned to study this spring in South Korea under a student exchange program. But nothing could have prepared them for the phone call they received late on Saturday night from overseas, just two weeks after she arrived.

Her body had been found in a Seoul hotel room early Sunday morning by a roommate, part of a group with whom she had spent the weekend sightseeing. Authorities in Seoul have told their U.S. counterparts they are treating the death as suspicious.

Her father, Brian Penich, a factory worker who proudly saw his second-oldest daughter off at Pittsburgh International Airport on March 1, was still struggling to make sense of it.

"They just said it was probably a murder. They're involved in an investigation," he said. "My goal is to get her home right now."

News of the death shocked the Pitt campus yesterday and jolted leaders of the International Student Exchange Program, a nonprofit group based in Washington, D.C., that had arranged the trip.

Penich said his daughter had become engaged just over a year ago but had not set a date.

She enrolled in the exchange program through Kiem Yung University in Taegu, about 150 miles from Seoul. Her weekend trip with about seven other students was not part of an official academic program but more of a sightseeing trip, Pitt spokesman Ken Service said yesterday.

Penich said the sketchy reports he has been receiving suggested her death occurred sometime late Saturday night or early Sunday. Her roommate discovered the body and may have slept through whatever happened to his daughter, he said.

"It wasn't robbery. Everything was still there. She was lying beside the bed," he said. "Jamie is a strong person. She would have fought to the end."

The middle of three children, Jamie Penich graduated with the Derry Area High School Class of 1997, her father said. She swam and played tennis and was a saxophonist with the school band.

Brian Penich said he last talked to his daughter by phone a week ago.

"We've been e-mailing her almost every day, staying in touch. She was excited about the trip to Seoul. She was excited about taking different art classes and seeing more of the culture," he said.

Sexual harrassment charges filed against U of Pitt announcer

By Marylynne Pitz
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

A woman who was director of basketball and volleyball operations at the University of Pittsburgh sued the school in federal court yesterday, claiming she was fired after complaining about unwanted sexual advances from Dick Groat.

Groat, an announcer for the school's basketball team, played on the Pittsburgh Pirates team that won the World Series in 1960 and was an All-American basketball player at Duke.

Maria Novey, 46, of McCandless, claims she was fired on March 17, 1999, because she complained about Groat's advances, which she says occurred during the 1998-99 season. Novey complained to four people, including Ralph Willard, the former head coach of the men's basketball team at Pitt and Jim Earle, associate athletic director.

After Novey was fired, Scott Fitzgibbon was hired to direct operations for the women's basketball program, and Barry Rohrssen was hired to direct operations for the men's basketball program.

Novey, who worked at Pitt for 26 years, was told she was being replaced by a person with coaching experience.

University officials contend that Novey was fired because a new coach, Ben Howland, was hired.

But in her lawsuit, Novey claims that Howland played no role in her termination and that he learned of it on the same day, shortly before she did.

After an investigation, the local office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruled in December that Novey was subjected to gender discrimination.

In its investigation, the EEOC found that Pitt's athletic director, Steve Pederson, had talked about replacing Novey with a male employee as early as 1997.

Susan Gromis Flynn, a lawyer for Groat, could not be reached for comment.

Ted Fritz, a lawyer handling the case for Pitt, said the university "has no comment at this time." Novey is seeking back pay, lost benefits, compensation for emotional distress and the loss of tuition credits for her children.

Dusquesne continues search for presidential candidates

By Bill Schackner
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Even as Duquesne University's search for a final list of presidential candidates continues, the school says it has no plans to ask John Murray, the school's current president, to remain on the job a little longer.

Murray plans to step down June 30, having spent 13 years at the helm of the 10,000-student Catholic university.

The hunt for his successor has stretched much deeper into the school year than expected, but Duquesne leaders hope to identify three to five candidates to replace him by next month and forward their names to the school's board of directors for a vote, spokeswoman Ann Rago said last week.

Members of the initial search committee worked toward a December deadline set by Dick White, the panel's original chairman. At one point, three candidates were identified, one of whom dropped out.

The school decided to broaden its search and, earlier this year, talked of identifying a successor as early as last month.

"What you're seeing is the result of the committee wanting to get the best candidate, and until they feel they have the right group to present to the full board [of directors], we're not ready," Rago said. "They are still bringing in people. We have the two from the last search. But I wouldn't say we're at a finalist stage."

The two candidates from the earlier search are believed to be Paul Christiano, former provost at Carnegie Mellon University, and Antoine Garibaldi, former provost at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

John Connelly, chairman of Duquesne's board of directors, who late last year took over from White as head of the search committee, could not be reached for comment. Murray, who joined the search panel, also could not be reached.

Rago said it would be up to the school's board of directors to ask Murray about staying longer.

"That's not been an issue at this point," she said.

NATIONAL

Probe into cause of Japanese boat sinking begins

AP File Photo

USS Greeneville captain testified in Navy court Tuesday.

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) - The skipper of the USS Greeneville reluctantly took the stand in a Navy court Tuesday and accepted sole responsibility for the collision with a Japanese trawler that left nine dead.

Cmdr. Scott Waddle testified as the court of inquiry neared the end of its probe of the Feb. 9 submarine accident.

"I accept full responsibility and accountability for the actions of the crew of the USS Greeneville," Waddle said. "As commanding officer, I am solely responsible for this truly tragic accident, and for the rest of my life I will live with the horrible consequences of my decisions and actions that resulted in the loss of the Ehime Maru."

"I am truly sorry for the loss of life and the incalculable grief those losses caused the honorable families of those lost at sea," he said.

On Monday, Lt. j.g. Michael Coen issued his own apology.

"To the families of those who perished and to the crew of the Ehime Maru ... I humbly apologize," Coen said, his voice brimming with emotion. "Although I cannot comprehend the unimaginable grief you must feel, I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at all times and you will be for the rest of my life."

The Greeneville smashed into Ehime Maru while demonstrating a rapid-surfacing drill for 16 civilians. Nine people, including four teen-age boys, were killed.

Coen, 26, read his unsworn statement to three admirals presiding over the Navy's court of inquiry. Attorneys for another officer, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer, submitted a written statement that was not released to the public.

Closing arguments in the inquiry were expected to begin Tuesday. Waddle, Pfeifer and Coen could face courts-martial.

Waddle's civilian attorney had said previously that Waddle would testify only if prosecutors agreed not to use his testimony against him. Waddle's request for immunity was denied Monday.

Waddle began his address Tuesday in a subdued voice but it grew stronger as he defended his decision to seek immunity and told his superiors they were wrong to deny it.

"I may be forfeiting my ability to successfully defend myself at a court martial," he said. "This court and the families need to hear from me," he said, turning to look at the courtroom audience. The hearing was silent as he engaged them in a long, intense look.

The inquiry has focused on whether Waddle rushed preparations for surfacing, and whether he performed an inadequate periscope search before taking the Greeneville up.

Once the inquiry concludes, the panel will produce a report of its findings and recommend whether the officers should be punished. The report goes to Adm. Thomas Fargo, who has up to 30 days to review it and take final action.

Earlier Monday, a crewman who tracks surface ships admitted he violated orders requiring him to report ships nearby. He also said he failed to notice another vessel was dangerously close to the submarine just six minutes before the collision.

Explosion sinks oil rig off Coast of Brazil; 10 presumed dead

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - One of the world's biggest oil rigs sank in the South Atlantic on Tuesday, and the state oil company Petrobras warned that more than 300,000 gallons of diesel fuel on board was likely to spill.

The 40-story-tall rig, after an explosion last week, "shifted suddenly" in heavy seas 75 miles off the coast early Tuesday morning, the company said. Workers who had been trying to save it gave up and fled.

At about 10:30 a.m., the rig tipped over and went down in about 10 minutes. Film footage showed the platform descending until only the green heliport was visible above the waves. Then it went under, as oil workers, many sobbing, looked on from a nearby ship.

"It's at the bottom of the sea," said Carlos Aurelio Miranda, a Petrobras spokesman.

Petrobras Chief Executive Henri Philippe said there was a "fine film of oil" on the spot where the rig went down but that the company was ready to contain it.

He said containers holding 312,000 gallons of diesel fuel, would collapse under water pressure on the sea bottom at a depth of 4,455 feet. Also, the rig had 78,000 gallons of crude - most of it in hoses between the wells and the rig. Those hoses were attached when the rig went down and could break, he said.

Reichstul said the oil and gas wells themselves were sealed before the rig was evacuated and could not leak.

"There is a plan in place to protect the environment," Reichstul said. "We are not terribly worried about the environmental question."

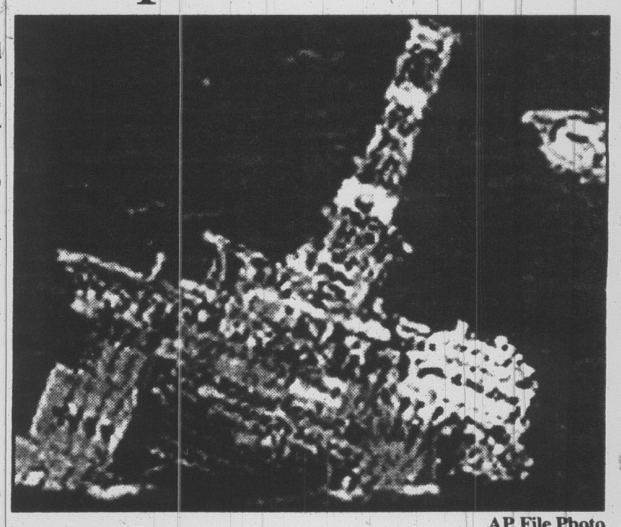
Petrobras had 11 ships on the spot to combat a spill, said Irani Varela, the company's safety and environment chief. Four were to skim oil off the surface, four others carried 20 miles of floating oil barriers and three had chemicals to break down the oil.

Varela said, however, that the barriers would have little effect in high seas, where swells Tuesday were six feet high. He said the cleanup would take up to four days, but that winds and tide suggested the oil would be carried out to sea.

Navy divers, engineers and foreign consultants had been working for days, trying to salvage the gigantic rig after Thursday's explosion and fire. The accident killed at least two workers and left eight others missing and presumed dead. A supporting pillar was knocked out, and the platform tilted and began sinking slowly off the coast of Macae, 120 miles northeast of Rio.

Workers tried to keep it afloat with nitrogen and compressed air. After partly righting, the platform began to sink again on Monday, when high winds and rough seas hindered rescue efforts.

The rig, built in Italy and later modified in Canada, was the top producer in the oil-rich Campos Basin, which accounts for most of the 1.5 million barrels of oil Brazil produced daily.



AP File Photo

The oil rig sinks into the South Atlantic.

National Briefs

Fed trims rates half a point

WASHINGTON - The Federal Reserve slashed a key interest rate by a half-point Tuesday, hoping to encourage Americans to spend and invest and revive a sluggish economy. It marked the third time this year that the central bank cut interest rates, a move that lowers borrowing costs and aims to boost economic growth.

Rolling blackouts hits California again

LOS ANGELES - State power managers ordered rolling blackouts for a second straight day Tuesday, cutting off more than 125,000 customers as demand for electricity again exceeded supply.

Unexpected snow hits Alabama

An unexpected dusting of snow blanketed parts of north Alabama Tuesday on the first day of spring, causing wrecks and scattered power outages and giving some students a day off from school.

IRS tracking lawsuit winners

WASHINGTON - In an advisory posted recently on its Web site, the Internal Revenue Service urges agents to scan papers for news of large lawsuit verdicts and settlements that in many cases are "escaping taxation."

INTERNATIONAL

International Briefs

Retrial of U.S. woman begins in Peru

LIMA, Peru - The retrial of a U.S. woman accused of helping plot the takeover of Peru's Congress began Tuesday with the defendant watching the proceedings from behind bars. Lori Berenson, 31, was sentenced five years ago to lifetime imprisonment by a hooded military tribunal. The retrial, sought by U.S. officials, is taking place in a civilian court, where the government's burden of proof is higher.

Aristide supporters open fire on opposition

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide opened fire on an opposition office Tuesday, throwing firebombs at the building and threatening to go after the head of the opposition alliance. The mob attacked the offices of the Struggling People's Organization, which is part of the Convergence opposition alliance, in an assault that lasted 15 minutes. No injuries were reported.

French freighter sinks with sulfuric acid aboard

BREST, France - A freighter carrying sulfuric acid sank in the Bay of Biscay off the northern coast of Spain on Tuesday, French maritime authorities said. All 23 crew members were rescued, and there were no immediate details about whether the ship's cargo had begun leaking into the ocean.

Russia readies for Mir's descent Friday

MOSCOW - The Russian space agency on Tuesday set a final firm date for dumping the Mir space station, saying it would be brought down into the South Pacific on Friday by a six-hour series of engine pushes. The Progress cargo ship docked at the station will fire its engines twice during two consecutive orbits to lower the station. Several hours later, it will fire one last time to send the station hurtling into the South Pacific between Australia and Chile at around 9:30 a.m. Moscow time (1:30 a.m. ET) Friday.

Liberia closes border with Sierra Leone

MONROVIA, Liberia - Liberia abruptly ordered its security forces to seal its border with Sierra Leone, adding to a sudden flare in tensions among the West African neighbors. Liberia's Justice Ministry gave no explanation in ordering the border closed, but two diplomats of Sierra Leone recently were accused of acts incompatible with their status.

Canadian peacekeepers injured in Eritrea

ASMARA, Eritrea - A shell exploded in a U.N. armored vehicle, injuring three Canadian soldiers who are part of a 4,200-member peacekeeping force in Ethiopia and Eritrea, a U.N. official said Tuesday. The soldiers, who are members of a joint Dutch and Canadian battalion deployed in Eritrea, suffered shrapnel and blast-related injuries in Monday's accident. All three were in stable, non-life threatening condition.

British troops to help dispose of carcasses

LONDON - As farmers fume over the slaughtered livestock left to rot in their fields, Britain mobilized troops Tuesday to help dispose of the mounds of carcasses. More than 100 soldiers, including logistics experts, are being sent to help clear the backlog of slaughtered animals, the Ministry of Defense said. So far, almost 350 cases of foot-and-mouth disease have been confirmed and the outbreak shows no sign of tapering.

Weird News

Targeting Mir

IRVINE, Calif. - If Mir hits the bull's-eye, everyone wins a taco. That's what Taco Bell is promising 281 million Americans if the core of the Russian Mir space station hits a floating target the fast food company will anchor 10 miles off the Australian coast. One expert said the odds the station's core will come down on Taco Bell's 40-by-40 foot vinyl target - emblazoned with the company's logo and the words "Free Taco Here!" - are slim to none. Taco Bell estimates it would have to spend less than $10 million to give everyone in the U.S. a coupon for a free taco.

A bad beginning for the marriage

STUART, Fla. - A newly married bride allegedly hit her husband with the wedding cake and kicked him when he was on the floor during an argument after their St. Patrick's Day wedding. Kathryn Marie Patrick was released on $5,000 bond from the Martin County jail. She has been charged with battery. Brett L. Patrick and his new wife argued after they arrived home from their wedding, he told police. He had bruises and scratches - and icing - on his body, police said.

No love for the boar

TAMPA, Fla. - Todd "Bubba the Love Sponge" Clem has been suspended indefinitely from his radio talk show after the station received stacks of mail objecting to the castration and slaughter of a wild boar in the parking lot. Hundreds of people sent letters and e-mails to the station and to law enforcement agencies decrying the event, which took place as a "roadkill barbecue" promotion while Clem was on the air. Tampa police are investigating whether the kill constitutes animal cruelty.

Not everyone loves Girl Scout cookies

DECATUR, Ga. - Troop leader Angelia Latners was with a group of girls selling in the parking lot of a closed restaurant when a DeKalb County police officer ticketed her troop for selling cookies without a permit. Latners was unaware of a DeKalb ordinance that requires a permit for anyone soliciting in neighborhoods. After Police Maj. Ron Slade received several media inquiries and calls from irate Girl Scout Leaders, he apologized and voided the tickets. He said soliciting by youths in that area had gotten out of hand recently, and the officers apparently were overzealous.

Splitting hairs over a bill

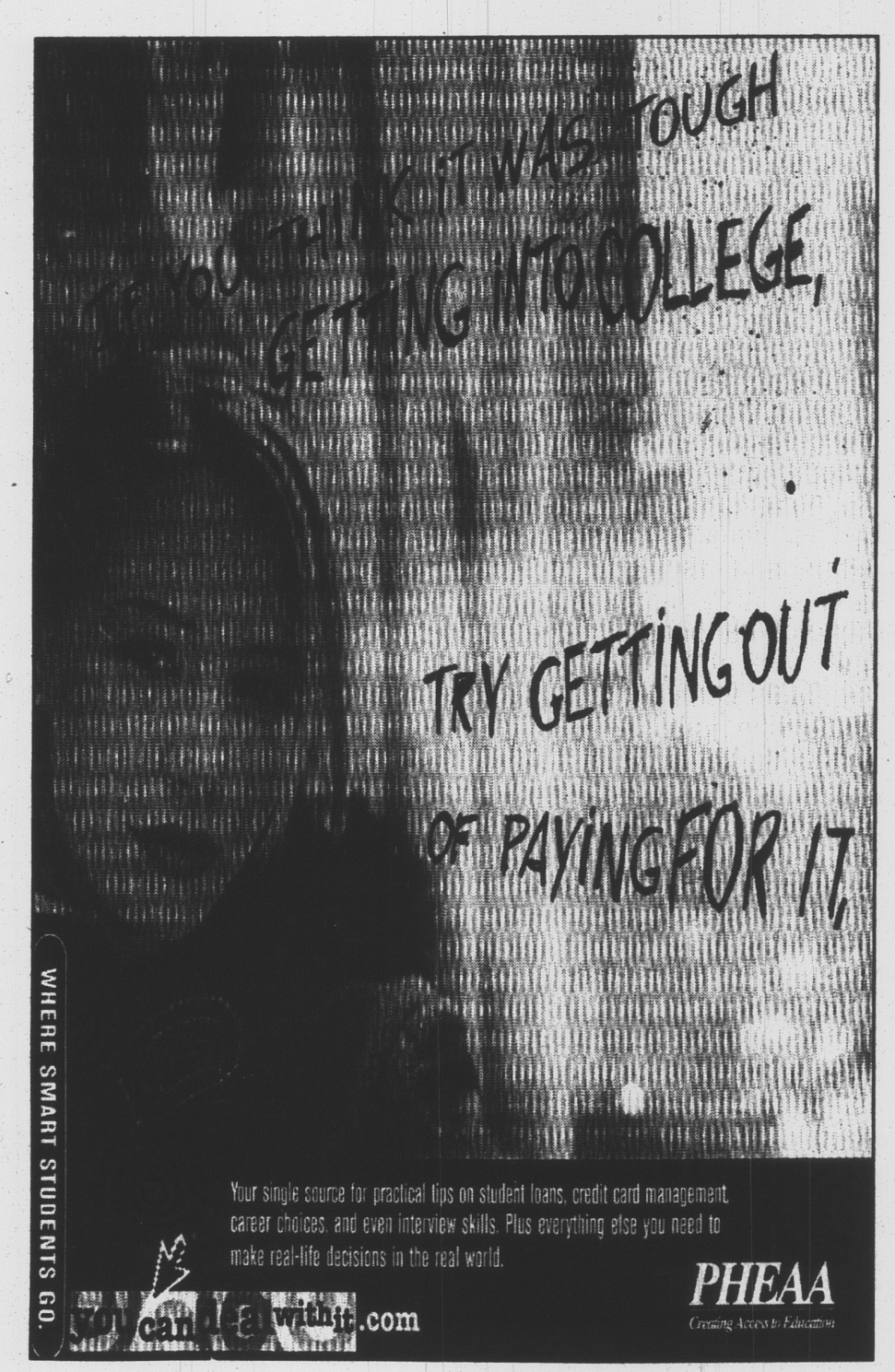
BOULDER, Colo. -A traveling salesman is accused of trying to split a co-worker with a pair of scissors in a dispute over the cost of a haircut. Danny L. Johnson, 38, of Gary, Ind., is accused of stabbing 23-year-old Kevin Leonard Hicks of West Memphis, Ark., four times in the back with haircutting scissors. Hicks told officers that Johnson offered to cut his hair for $3, but upped the price to $7 when finished. Johnson was held on a $25,000 bond. Officers also arrested Hicks, who police said instigated the fight by punching Johnson in the head.

Routine deposit

ABERDEEN, Wash. - It took a welder, a locksmith and two fiery incisions to free a 7-Eleven clerk who got her hand stuck in a safe Friday night. Elizabeth Mefford, 27, told rescuers she had been dropping rolls of coins in the safe, but the rolls kept falling out. She pushed her fingers farther into the deposit chute, trying to get them to stay put. A short time later, she was on a gurney with the 3-foot-tall, 600-pound safe latched onto her hand. Paramedics drove her to an industrial shop where the safe was removed.

Cost of murder is going down

FORT PAYNE, Ala. - A farmer who offered a hit man $300 and four cows to kill his buddy's wife has been charged with criminal solicitation to commit murder. Cecil Benjamin Hicks, 64, didn't know he was paying an undercover officer with cash and an IOU when he was arrested. Hicks, who reportedly had not seen the intended victim in about 10 years, told police he "didn't like the way she was treating his friend."



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SPORTS

Titan baseball team ready for action

By Megan Clark
STAFF WRITER

Spring is rapidly approaching, and with it comes the beginning of the regular season of America's favorite pastime.

The Titan baseball team will be prepared, and is looking forward to Spring's arrival. They practiced a few days a week at the beginning of last semester, and have been practicing in the gym since the beginning of this semester. They also travelled to Lynchburg, VA over spring break to get some playing time in warmer weather. Head Coach Shawn Kelly has avoided outdoor practice in the recent cold weather here. "It puts a strain on their arms, especially the pitchers. We don't want to run the risk of kids getting sick either," Kelly said.

The weather won't be the only benefit of the trip. "Playing in Virginia will give them a chance to play against very good, small college teams," Kelly said. With the change of divisions this year, from the GLIAC to the PAC, the chance to practice against small schools will be a welcome change. In the GLIAC, Titans faced very large schools with scholarship athletes for their regular season. Sophomore Kevin Culp said, "I am looking forward to playing against teams whose players don' t look like my dad."

Many of the teams would have looked older to the Titans because they are a very young team. With only three seniors and no juniors this year, the bulk of the team will be sophomores. Sixteen freshmen also joined the team.

"I am concerned with the lack of upperclassmen, but the seniors we have are good workers and play a lot. They have been with the program for four years, and I think they will be enough," Kelly said.

"I think it's a great thing to have such a young team so we can get to know each other better. By the time I am a senior, and we are eligible for the PAC tournament, I feel we will fare very well because of this bond, and possibly bring home a championship," said sophomore B.G. Davison.

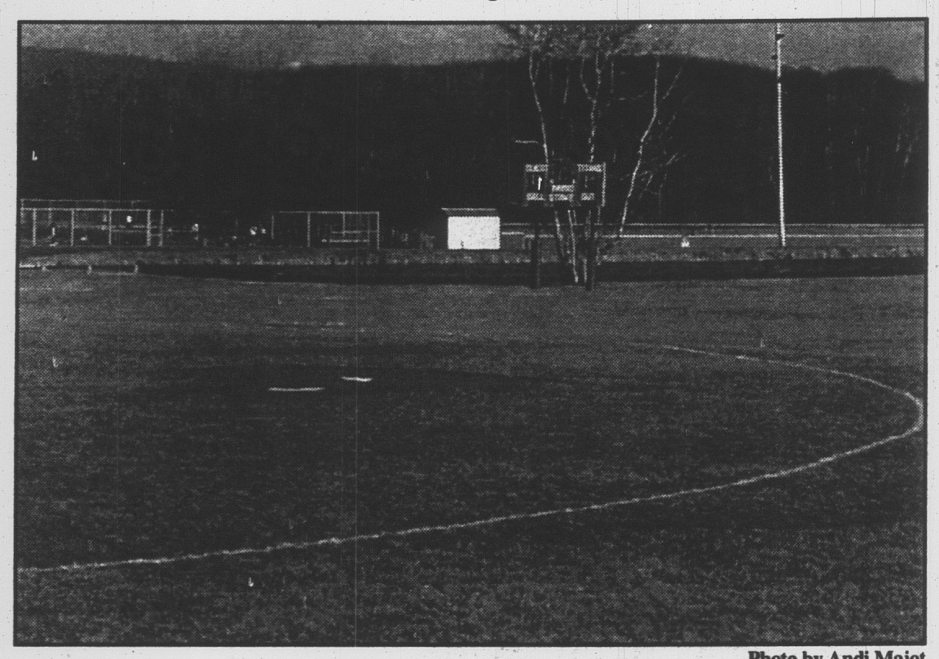

Photo by Andi Majot

The field stands ready for the spring baseball season.

Playing games closer to Westminster will be another benefit of playing in the PAC. This year, there won't be any overnight trips. The Titans will have more in common with the players from other teams, and will likely know many of them. This translates to increased fan support. "Fans are a big part of the game," said sophomore Matt Pournaras. "We get a positive feeling when people are there to watch us do something we love," he said. Coach Kelly agreed. "Having parents, fraternity brothers and friends at the game can have a lot to do with the outcome of the game," he said.

"As of now, the games are going to be played here at Westminster," Kelly said. "The cramped space and construction going on the behind the field will give us a huge home team advantage. We are used to playing like this," Culp said. Even though there are few seats for fans, playing the games on campus makes it easier for students and faculty to support the team.

Their first home game took place March 21 at 3:30 against Pitt-Bradford.

Sports this week

Friday, 3/23/01
Softball at Shippensburg Invitational

Saturday, 3/24/01
Track & Field at Clarion Early Bird Meet
Softball at Shippensburg Invitational
Baseball at St. Vincent - 1 p.m.

Sunday, 3/25/01
Softball at Shippensburg Invitational
Baseball at Thiel* - 2 p.m.

Monday, 3/26/01
GOLF-TITAN INVITATIONAL - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, 3/27/01
Men's Tennis at Thiel* - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/28/01
BASEBALL VS. HILBERT - 2 p.m.
SOFTBALL VS. EDINBORO - 3 p.m.

Thursday, 3/29/01
SOFTBALL VS. CARLOW - 3 p.m.
Men's Tennis at Bethany*

Home events in all CAPS
* - PAC contest

March events great and small

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

It's March, and with this month comes many events, but most importantly, the NCAA Tournament. Without a doubt, this is the greatest annual sporting event. The Super Bowl is great and the World Series can be fun to watch. The World Cup causes riots and even the NBA Finals are somewhat thrilling at times, too. But what other happening has three weeks of intense games and upsets played by student-athletes instead of overpaid, cocky show-offs? This is one of the few sporting events where team must come before personal performances and where every game is played with the passion and intensity that is rarely witnessed in professional sporting events.

More people become interested in March Madness through office pools, online brackets, contests and bets, than any other sporting event. Where else will a fan witness countless upsets from the first round until the Final Four? Media darlings are made from the Hamptons, Gonzagas and the Kent States upsetting the higher-seeded team in the first round. People root for their teams, but also cheer for the underdog. Most of the time, the first round upsets fall in the second round. But when a Cinderella team makes it farther than they could ever hope, the nation is silently hoping that teams like Gonzaga, Temple and Georgetown will knock the teams such as Duke, Michigan State and Stanford, right off their pedestals, even if it does mess up their bracket.

Personally, I think that Duke, Michigan State, Stanford and Arizona will make up the Final Four this year, but those are fairly safe guesses. The beauty of the tournament is that anything can happen. I wouldn't be at all surprised to see Ole Miss or Gonzaga making a surprise appearance at the Final Four. Teams play like it could be their last game, because for one team in every game, it is. In professional sports, the players lose a game and know that they will still receive their millions tomorrow.

Nothing can compare to the three weeks that make up March Madness. This weekend, turn on a game and watch the intensity, sweat and heart that is played for every minute of every game. Then, flip on the NBA and notice the lethargic defense and poor attitudes of the players making millions. And they don't even have to attend classes on Monday.

Sports Illustrated

In another March event, the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition is out this month. I have no problem with people who choose to view this magazine. The only objection I have is with the editors who pride themselves in gender equality and campaign to have more female subscribers. The one and only reason I do not subscribe is because I don't want to receive a magazine with exposed women on the cover and throughout the pages of this one issue. All of the other publications are creditable and it is a shame that the editors continue to print the Swimsuit Edition. I read that about 30% of subscribers to Sports Illustrated are women, and I'm sure these women subscribed to read about sports, not to see pictures of women in skimpy bathing suits. If men want to see half-naked women, there are plenty of magazines out there that can satisfy this desire. Why should the editors of Sports Illustrated subject all of their readers, including young boys and women, to this semi-pornographic magazine? They should stick to sports.

March Madness: Basketball fever strikes again

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Well, it's almost here. The first weeks of April are probably the best in sports. The Masters, Major League Baseball's opening day, and the NCAA Final Four. But it's the weeks leading up to that last event that count. The NCAA tournament is by far the most exciting sporting event in America today. It has the cutthroat competition of Survivor without the unnecessary media hype that events like the Super Bowl attract. There's no media day. There's no bye week. Just 65 teams, 64 games, 18 days and one champion.

When you think about it, the tournament really is a lot like Survivor. The world is watching as competitors try to fend off countless injuries and enemies to remain in contention for a prize that no one can take away from them. But, unlike a national championship, the million dollars will eventually run out.

This tournament isn't just about the players. It's about the fans. This will be the third year in my college life when the NCAA tournament will get me through the spring semester. I don't take off on a jumbo to Cancun with 20 of my closest friends. I don't party up and down the East Coast. I sit in my recliner with pretzels and Gatorade and stare at basketball games on television for eight hours a day, Thursday through Sunday. Then on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights when there are no games, I'm still fixated on the set's warm glow to hear the latest rumors and injury reports on Sportscenter. Then, in the morning, I check the newspaper to make sure the Sportscenter guys didn't get it wrong. This is my Spring Break.

But even during school, studies take a back seat to watching the games during those three weeks. I'm not saying I skip classes and never open a book, but less time is spent at the library and more time is spent in the room next door arguing about the calls in last night's game. I've worked hard all year; I've earned this.

For the past month I've heard sportscasters use words like "RPI," "bubble teams" and "quality road wins." Each time one of these words hits my ear, it reminds me that the tournament is on its way. Then, a few days before the games begin, we get the "selection show," where two men have the attention of all the sports fans in the nation. And they know it. During this show, the tournament brackets are announced. Dreams are made. Dreams are shattered. But before they announce all the teams who made the tournament, they analyze each first-round match-up for an excruciatingly long time. There's no reason for them to do this. We have three days to analyze. We want to know who made it and who didn't. They only do it because they can.

I'm like a 9-year old on Christmas morning by the time the first day of games finally gets here. And it's not just me. Sports fans all over the country eagerly await the tournament each spring. Even my girlfriend, who comes close to refusing to watch any sport at any time, gets excited for March Madness.

Which brings me to another point. Where did that name come from? March Madness? Who's mad? This is great. "What? An earthquake? Don't care. Tourney's on."

So why do we watch? Maybe it's the idea that these are amateur athletes, competing for something much more valuable than money. 800 players will suit up for the tourney. About 30 of them will be playing in the NBA next year, but try telling the other 770 that what they're doing isn't important. Or maybe we watch because we all once dreamed in our driveways of hitting a shot with one second left in the Final Four. Or maybe, just maybe, it's the brackets.

Most average sports fans will tell you it's the brackets. "Yeah, that last-second basketball is ok, but the brackets are what it's really about. You know, I almost won the pool last year." Sure. It seems like everyone "almost won the pool last year." But even I can admit, although I watch the tournament for the basketball, there's just something about filling out those brackets. Do you put all the #1 seeds in the Final Four? Which #12 is going to beat the #5 this year? Do you go with the teams you like or the teams that are good? Or, as in my girlfriend's case, what colors are the team's uniforms? Everyone wants you to fill out brackets. 7-Up, ESPN.com, your local paper and of course, the kid down the hall with the "legit" pool he's running. Last year, Sandbox.com offered ten million dollars to anyone who could fill out the brackets exactly right, every single game. No one claimed the prize. There's just something about those brackets.

Which brings me to my picks. I'm stuck in the predicament I mentioned earlier...do I go with the teams I like, or the teams that are good? I see last year's upset trend continuing, look for a lot of top seeds to be out after the first two rounds. Stanford is tough, but they choke every year, and this year won't be different. Kentucky is hot, but Duke is the best team, top to bottom, in the country. I'm not a Duke fan, but they're deep, and they play like a team. Plus they always seem to close out the close games. I can't really see anyone beating them in this tournament.

I don't know who's going to win the NCAA tournament. And I don't care. I don't care that I don't know, and I don't care who wins. Because I know it's tournament time. I'm about to spend long hours in a comfortable chair watching the best sporting event anywhere. Countless upsets, budding rivalries, careers ending. 64 games in 18 days, most of them close. This is what it's all about. This is what I look forward to all winter. This is what helps get me through the long and tedious spring semester. This is the NCAA tournament.

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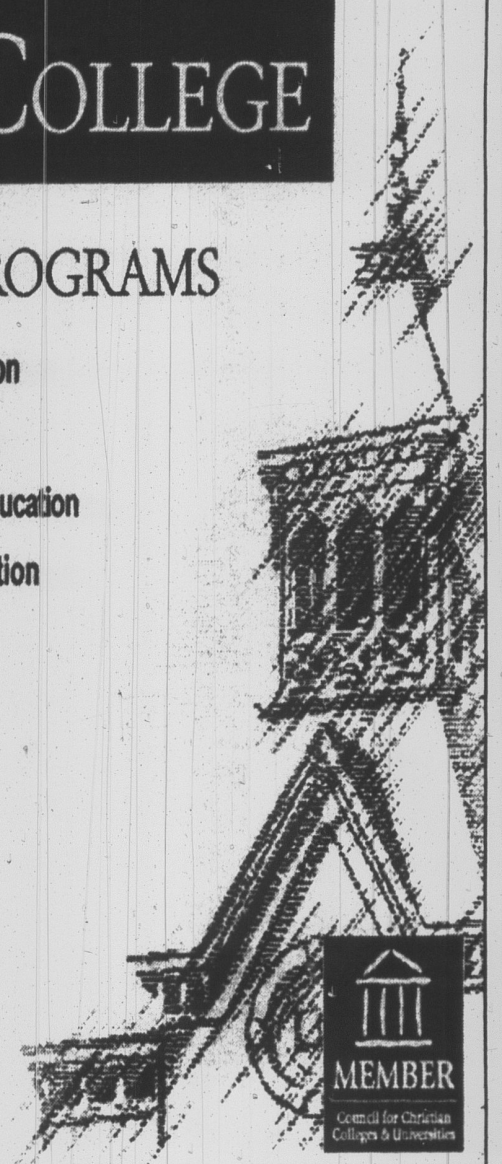

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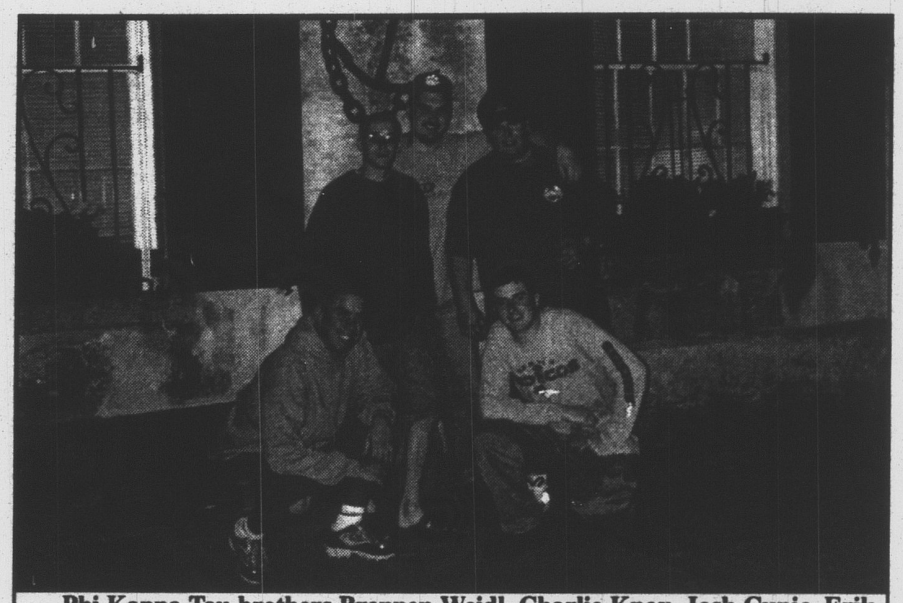
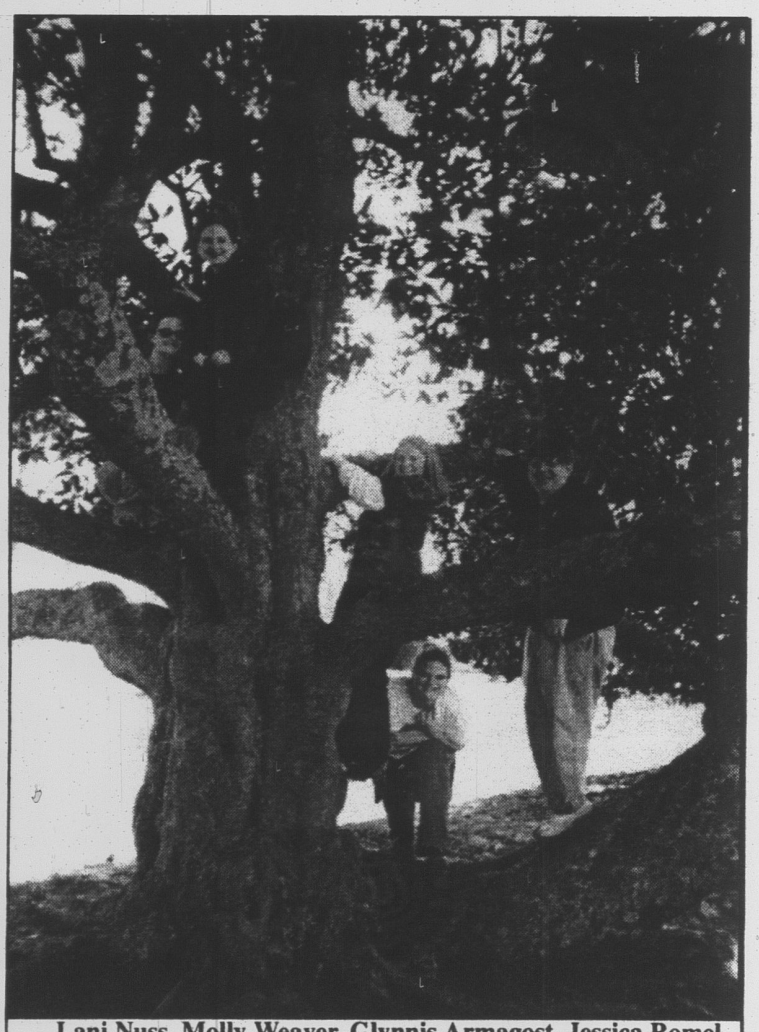
Spring Break 2001

Gospel Choir members (front) Jennifer Wood, Damaris Wallace, (back) Jessica Beham, Andrea Barilla, Janice Whalen, Gwen Kennedy and Chris Brinker spent their break in Virginia Beach.



Phi Kappa Tau brothers Brennen Weidl, Charlie Knox, Josh Cunic, Erik Robbins and Ken "Bus" Schultz stand in front of Blackbeard's apartment in Charleston, SC. The group of five went to New Orleans for three days, and then to Charleston, SC for three days. They spent a total of 42 hours in a car while traveling 2700 miles through 16 states.



Lani Nuss, Molly Weaver, Glynnis Armagost, Jessica Romel and Dr. Twining in Maymont Park in Richmond, Va. They participated in the school- sponsored "Civil War" trip.

On Top: Kacie Higgins, Megan Elias, Shannon Haines, Karly Foster; On Bottom: John Bressler, Bobby Cambell, Andy Porter, and Steve Irvine spent their vacation in the Bahamas.

Jamie Freund and Lindsey Yankle in Cancun, Mexico

Break gave students rest

By Jodi Russo
STAFF WRITER

Spring break is a time for college students to relax and unwind. It is a week during which all work is put aside and there is no studying for tests or writing papers.

Junior Kelly Coldren went to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico. She went for a week with her parents and siblings.

"I laid out in the sun, swam and went to dance clubs with my brother. The weather was also nice and while I was there I was introduced to some very interesting people," Coldren said.

Junior Jaime Seemiller went to Atlanta, Georgia to visit her friend and godson.

"We hung out and shopped all week. The trip was very relaxing and it was nice to get out of New Wilmington. It was also nice not to have any work to do. I also enjoyed seeing my friend and godson," Seemiller said.

Not every student went away this spring break. Some just went home to see their families.

Junior Natalie Elms returned home instead of vacationing elsewhere.

"I worked and finished my internship. I would like to be home again because it was very relaxing," Elms said.

Desiree Henry also spent the week at home. "Over break I worked at the YMCA and worked on my sorority baby book. I also raised money for a trip that I am going on this summer. The week was busy and I would have liked to have been at the beach, but I am glad that I am back here," Henry said.

How I spent my Spring vacation...

Stephanie Dawson, junior
"Over Spring Break, I visited the very scenic Penn Hills, PA where I visited my boyfriend who had surgery."

Michele Gerring, sophomore
"I went on a school organized trip over Spring Break. I went to Virginia Beach with the Westminster Gospel Choir."

Brad Dell, junior
"I spent my spring break at home. I caught up on my movie watching."

Angela Steck, junior
"I spent my spring break in St.Louis, Missouri!"

Kara Stivason, Freshman
"I went to Toronto with some of my friends. We went out to clubs."

Erin Chittock, Freshman
"We (Erin and Jacque Duncan) went to Georgia with Titan Traverse. We canoed in the Okefenokee Swamp and then we canoed to Cumberland Island off the coast of Georgia."

Tim Little, Titan Traverse staff
"Myself and seven others went to Maine where there was six feet of snow. We built an igloo, snowshoed, cross-country skied, ate amazing food and spent a day in Boston."

Tiffanie Scilla, Freshman
"My boyfriend, Nathan Zuzack [freshman], recorded a CD over break."

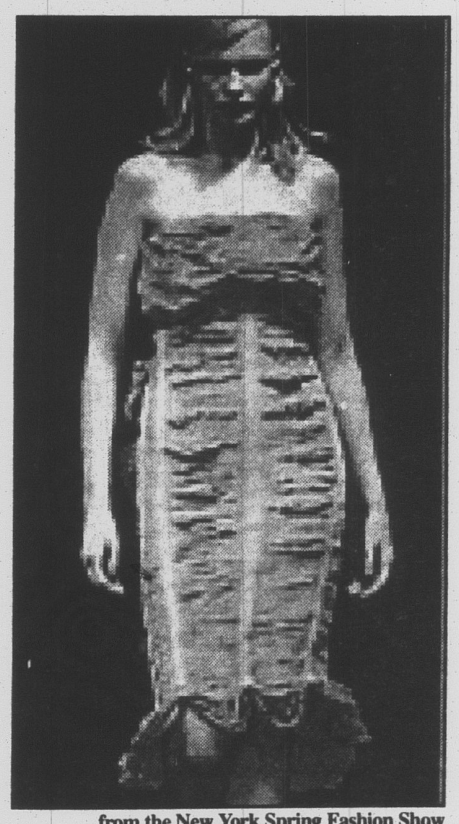
Marcie Bihler, junior
"I turned 21 over Spring Break and I went out with my friends."

Erin Wheeler, junior
"I went to Washington, D.C. over break. I saw the White House and some museums."

Jennifer Williamson, junior
"I slept."

Laura Stanley, junior
"I went sledriding."

Spring fashion features pastels, stripes and suits



from the New York Spring Fashion Show
An example of pink and frilly clothing.

By Megan Elias
STAFF WRITER

From the runway to Westminster…

If you've been shopping lately you may have noticed that all of the stores are getting ready for spring. Winter clothes and accessories have been moved to the clearance racks to make room for the new spring lines. Magazines are running feature stories on the latest fashion crazes and it seems that the focus is on the latest styles and colors.

With a little help from *Glamour*, *Allure* and *Cosmopolitan* here is a peek at Spring's hottest styles.

Black and white prints are very big this season and so are stripes. Both can be worn in any print or combination. For the more daring souls, everything is getting shorter and tighter. The motto seems to be: "the smaller, the better."

Calvin Klein's spring line showcased many pastel colors, and the very feminine look: pink, frills, and anything "girlie." Basically, some of the clothes look like the designers raided grandma's closet. Floral print dresses, skirts, tops and bags are just a beginning to the "flower power" craze.

Punk Rocker gear of fishnet stockings, leather and rhinestones is another hot style. Think 80's and Madonna. Military camouflage and color schemes are also big.

For the more conservative individual, suits are the way to go. Skirt and pant suits are seen in any style and color from black and white pinstripes to white and navy sailor suits.

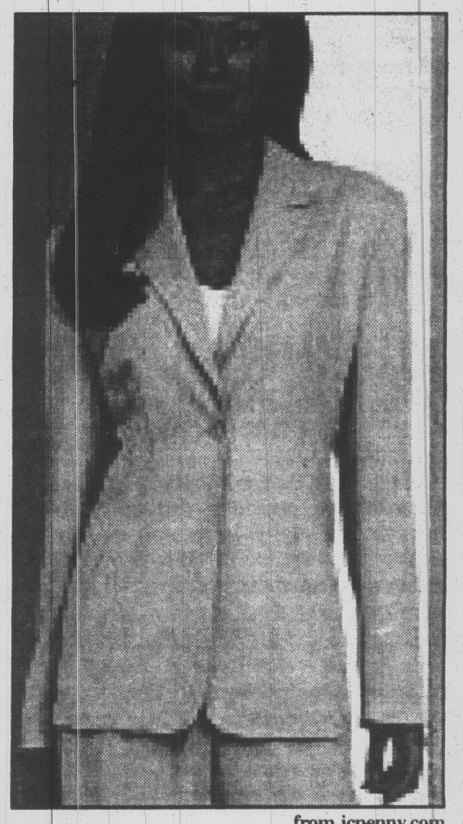
Classics that are still popular are tube dresses and one shouldered dresses and shirts.

While these trends are popular in magazines, on models and celebrities, and on designer runway shows, the Westminster community might not be quite ready for these styles.

"The clothes that appear in magazines aren't practical for college students," Freshman Stefanie Maccaglia said. "I think that I would die laughing if I saw someone walking across the quad in some of that stuff." Maccaglia does admit though, that the bright colors, pastels and stripes are cute if worn practically and tastefully. Sophomore Lisa Bair agrees with her. "I like the overall style and colors of the spring fashions but they need to be more "down-to-earth" for the college community," Bair said.

Some the styles are looked at as trends that won't last, while others are styles that have been around and are possibly here to stay. "Pastels and bold colors have been around for a while and will stay as part of the spring image, but the army and punk styles are fads," Freshman Feliz DeNu said.

It seems that most students are looking for more of a practical, comfortable style, which can be achieved with a little modification of the runway designs.



from jcpenny.com
This pastel blue suit is one of the biggest spring fashions.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

STAMPER & STALEY — EXIT WOUNDS

Beth Staley

Amidst the drama and beauty overwhelming most Oscar talk, *Exit Wounds* provides moviegoers with a lengthy action-packed diversion. The movie brings Steven Seagal back to the screen in a new role as Orin Boyd. The movie starts strong as Seagal's character saves the Vice President from a militia attack. These opening scenes showcase magnificent explosives that qualify *Exit Wounds* as a powerful action movie.

In fact, most of the action in *Exit Wounds* is special effects and fighting. The possible plot, however, is blown up with everything else. Boyd is in Detroit's 15th Precinct, where he attempts to keep a crime-ridden neighborhood intact; he assumes his role in the precinct after being demoted for not following orders precisely when he saved the Vice President.

The cops look more dangerous than the citizens do, however. They are extensively armed and intimidating. The conflict arises as sharpie Latrell Walker (DMX) convinces Boyd that police corruption is causing Detroit as many problems as the criminals are.

Determined to keep Detroit's interests first, Boyd and Walker are forced to team up and face the consequences, hoping that the consequences will keep the neighborhood safe while illuminating and solving many of the obvious and not-so-obvious fallacies of the criminals and law enforcers.

The acting leaves much to be desired. Despite popular opinion, this is not Seagal's best picture. In fact, his screen presence isn't very powerful. Seagal seems almost reserved at times when his energy level should be soaring. His development of Boyd's character is careful; at times he is witty; at times he is controlling. Most of the time, however, he is just there, letting the on-screen action rather than his own acting dominate.

DMX deserves credit for his portrayal of Walker. The camera loves his movements, however subtle or grand. His facial expressions alone capture the complexities of his character as an insider of Detroit's crime scene, but also a citizen determined to take care of a network of bad cops. His rough, hard exterior allows him to handle the physical and emotional conflict he faces as the line between good and bad disappears.

This line between good and bad also disappears in the characters' lines in *Exit Wounds*. The tongue-in-cheek humor may catch the audience off guard momentarily. Sometimes it's brilliant; at other times, it is misplaced completely. Unfortunately, except for the creative and funny interaction between co-stars Anthony Anderson and Tom Arnold, the humor is dished out with effort.

Although *Exit Wounds* is about struggle, the execution of putting the movie together seems like even more of a struggle. The movie is more like a bad collage with lots of exciting scenes colliding against and convoluting a non-existent plot. If you're craving an action flick and a vacation from thinking, go ahead and pay for the movie ticket. However, you're not missing anything if you wait for *Exit Wounds* to exit the cinema and enter the rental shelf.

Joseph Stamper

Granted, I am no Hemmingway, but give me a bottle of Hennessy Cognac and a few hours and I would write a better, more plausible script than this. There have been countless mediocre novels made into bad movies, but we should all pray for Ed Horowitz (script writer of *Exit Wounds*).

Exit Wounds is a movie based on a novel by John Westermann. Orin Boyd, played by Steven Seagal, is a tough Detroit cop who steps over the line one to many times...never heard that one before. After saving the Vice-President's life in an assassination attempt, Boyd is demoted for using unsavory tactics. He is moved to the toughest precinct in Detroit and forced to attend anger management classes.

In his new precinct, Boyd stumbles onto a crime lord with an endless supply of cash and police protection. Boyd always happens to be in the right place to intersect supposed crime lord Latrell Walker, played by Ruff Ryder hip artist DMX. Though it is evident Walker has police connections, the mystery is supposed to be how deep the corruption goes. The true mystery is why a movie about action and humor would pretend to be about something deeper and more intelligent.

Stamper's Four Corner Breakdown

Date Movie- 6

The movie lacks the traditional romantic trappings. The hero's love interest is violently killed before Boyd "gets his freak on" and is never mentioned again. On the plus side, the movie does not demand much of your attention, so if you're more into your lover than the big screen, you won't miss much.

Special FX- 8

If you've ever seen a Seagal movie, you know that about 50 people are going to get their bones broken. Actually, some of the fight scenes are creative and in this genre that's all one really asks for. There is also plenty of "Bang-Bang Got Ya," unnecessary glass shattering and things that blow up.

Star Power- 7

If you like Seagal, he's at the top of his game. Unlike his last five films, he actually went to the gym and lost some of that gut. DMX is improving in his acting ventures, but he remains subpar. The best interaction in this film was between the two heroes and their respective sidekicks. Boyd and Henry Wayne, played by the infamous Tom Arnold, was a high point. And the comedy styling of Anthony Anderson, playing Walker's best friend TK, is good for a few laughs.

Plot- 4

Fundamentally, the story is not that bad, but it just doesn't play out in the right order. There is one particularly pointless plot twist at the end of the movie where the person who is at the head of the corruption is revealed. This particular character, whose purpose is to shock the audience, is never developed sufficiently to do so. The movie also never explains why an Internet millionaire knows martial arts. The plot has too many holes to be taken seriously.

Overall- Wait for the video

This movie should have had the courage to choose between De Niro and Jackie Chan; it can't pass itself off as both or successfully combine the two. If you spend eight bucks to see this flick, the best part of the movie is the comedic interplay between Anthony Anderson and Tom Arnold that occurs during the closing credits. So when the movie is over, remain seated if you want to get your money's worth.

Summer of the sequels: for Hollywood, once is never enough

By Kendra McClymonds
A & E EDITOR

When school is finally out in two months, we can all look forward to what appears to be the summer of sequels - movie sequels, that is. Coming to theaters this summer will be sequels to some of the recent past's hits such as *American Pie, Dr. Dolittle, Jurassic Park, The Matrix, Scary Movie* and *The Terminator.*

To provide a brief synopsis of these anticipated flicks, the following previews are from Movies. Com:

American Pie 2

In *Pie 2*, set in the summer after the kids' first year away at college, the entire cast—including Seann Scott, Jason Biggs, Mena Suvari, Tara Reid, Chris Klein, Shannon Elizabeth and Eugene Levy—return to find themselves in new sexual peccadilloes: Finch (Eddie Kaye Thomas) has been practicing tantric sex and could blow any minute; flute-loving Michelle (Buffy's Alyson Hannigan) now works at that band camp; and Stifler's dad, played by Bill Paxton, joins the ensemble to illustrate the genetic source of his son's jerk tendencies. There is also talk of a trip to Europe where, don't forget, Nadia returned to at the end of the first film.

Dr. Dolittle 2

Eddie Murphy is back as Doctor Dolittle, the MD with the special ability to talk with animals. A plot hasn't been revealed, but expect more fun from those providing the animals' voices, as well as more silliness from Murphy.

Jurassic Park 3

A second sequel was inevitable - even if no one's sure what it will be about yet. Rampant rumors, none of them confirmed, envision a doomsday scenario in which hordes of dinos break free of island confinement and overrun the world. As for what we actually know: Steven Spielberg will not direct but will only executive-produce, and no cast members have been announced yet.

The Matrix 2

Not due out until next year, scenarios abound for the unfolding of the much-anticipated *Matrix* sequels, but as of this point, nothing has been confirmed. Plots mentioned include a visit to the underground haven of Zion, the revelation that Trinity is an agent, the introduction of a character more powerful than Neo, and the discovery of a Matrix within a Matrix.

Scary Movie 2

The first of this series, *Scary Movie*, was a raunch-fest that crossed all boundaries. No word yet on the plot, but some movies it may spoof are: *Carrie, The Exorcist, Poltergiest* and *The Haunting*. It's due out in theaters by July.

Terminator 3

It is believed that Furlong's character, destined leader John Conner - the target in *Terminator 2: Judgment Day* - will lead a rebel force that battles machines trying to eliminate the human race.

"Opposites Attract"

By Matt Gaffney

Across
1 Singing part
6 Musician's rep
11 For
14 Heart smash
15 Ms. McLachlan
16 Skid ___
17 Bon Jovi hit from the movie "Young Guns II"
19 Freaky Frehley
20 Spielberg creatures of 1982
21 Journey's "___ Arms"
22 She sang a hit duet with Petty
24 Numbers separated by colons
27 Ending for Oktober
28 Hit off "Dangerous"
34 Made sharper
37 Big name in underwear
38 Home for corn
39 Without ___ (dangerously)
40 How Keith Richards sometimes appears
41 Carrie Fisher's most famous role
42 ___-fi
43 Dolt
44 Worthy of reverence
45 "Magical Mystery Tour" tune
48 They might be candied
49 Logo
53 Big Audio Dynamite hit, with "The"
55 Andrea Bocelli's first language: abbr.
58 Tide rival
59 Rawls or Reed
60 Cole Porter tune recorded by Sinatra
64 "On My ___"
65 Pay for another
66 Win by ___ (barely emerge victorious)
67 "Ain't Too Proud To ___"
68 Material mentioned in a Moody Blues title
69 Less nuts

Down
1 Darth ___
2 Pop singer Adams
3 East ___ rap
4 Captain ___ Tennille
5 Sayer who had a #1 hit with "You Make Me Feel Like Dancing"
6 Letters that mean "quick"
7 "We'll Sing in the Sunshine" singer Garnett
8 The Cranberries' home, poetically
9 Part of USNA
10 Huey Lewis's backup
11 Met with the band
12 "___ in the USA"
13 Has debts
18 Parks on the bus
23 Suffix with devil
25 "Yeah, sure!"
26 Gospel standard "___ Rugged Cross"
27 Schneider of the B-52's
29 She married Xavier Cugat
30 Easy instrument to master
31 Standing upright
32 Tough labor
33 Website where you might buy a used guitar
34 ___ browns (breakfast food)
35 "___ in a Lifetime"
36 "Harvest Moon" singer
40 Baha Men's "Who Let the ___ Out?"
41 Lisa who recorded "Stay"
43 Tender ones should be left alone, according to Billy Joel
44 Place to pump iron
46 Word with coat or rat
47 Fleck or Bartok
50 Was a tease
51 Tape over a song
52 Part of MGM
53 Amount of goop
54 Rob of "Wayne's World"
55 "___ A Kick Out of You"
56 Popular cuisine
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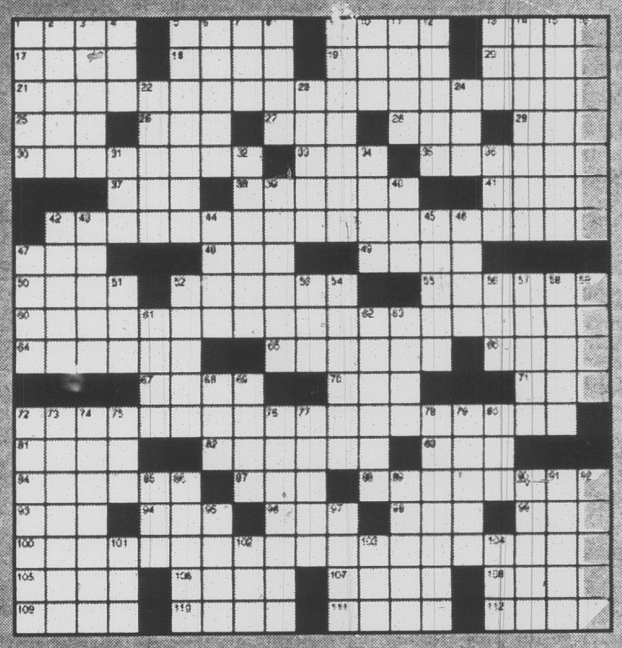
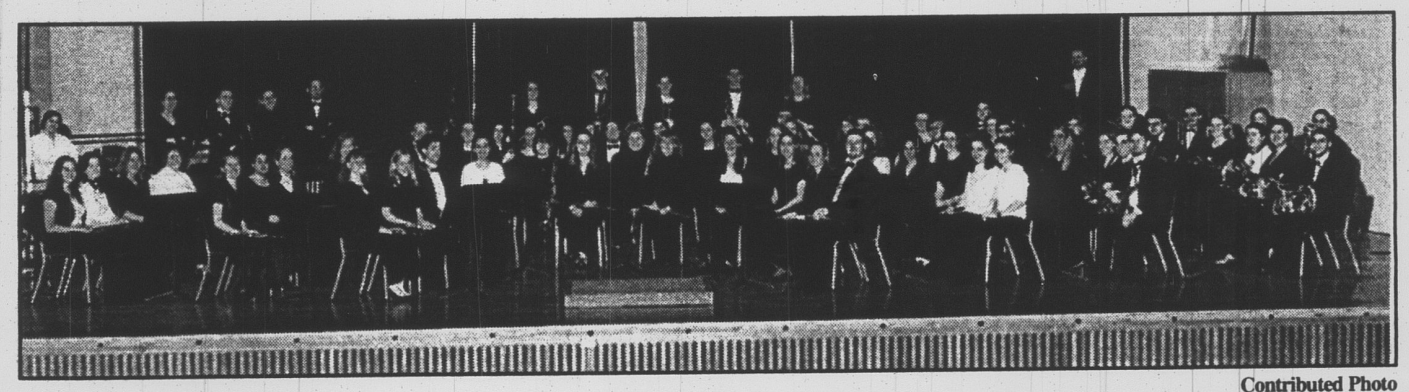
63 Kind of test



Symphonic Band mid-winter concert



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The Westminster Symphonic Band

By Alyson Karg
STAFF WRITER

The Symphonic Band will be performing its mid-winter concert Friday, March 23. It will be held in Orr Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

The band will perform a variety of instrumental music including "Sabre and Spurs," a march by John Philip Sousa. The march was originally dedicated to the men and officers of the 311th Calvary.

They will also play the "Incidental Suite," by Claude T. Smith. This piece contains the three movements "Tarantella," "Nocturne," and "Rondo."

Sophomore clarinet player Melody Hetzler likes the music selection for the concert.

"I really like the music. The "Tarantella" is my favorite, it's really fun to play," Hetzler said.

The band is comprised of about 80 members, most of whom have played instruments since elementary school. Although many members are experienced musicians, the band is open to anyone who enjoys playing an instrument. No auditions are required to participate.

Band Director R. Tad Greg is pleased with the talent of his band members.

"I continue to be impressed by the musicianship of our students at Westminster College. This ensemble is comprised of students from all areas and majors on campus who demonstrate their love of music and music making. This promises to be a wonderful evening of music," Greg said.

Members of the band also enjoy playing under Greg's direction.

"Mr. Greg is a great conductor who can get more out of us musically than we think we have," Sophomore trombone player Brian Pollitt said.

"While sitting in band, it is amazing to watch as the great musicians of tomorrow are being instructed and molded by a great musician of today," Freshman trombone player Hazel Kean said.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Try not to put too much energy into emotional matters or you may miss out. Try to keep your personal and professional life separate. Eat well, exercise and get your rest.

TAURUS
You are an adventurer who will have a great story to tell. You have the need to explore and won't think twice about checking something out without asking the right questions first. See your own accomplishments for what they are really worth.

GEMINI
You can obtain whatever you want this week, as long as you don't force the issues. Good fortune will be yours as long as you project a helpful, giving image.

CANCER
No one is likely to try to push you into doing anything that you don't want to do. You know that you need to face adversity rather than hide. You are strong-willed, engaging and will be admired if you stand your ground.

LEO
Take every advantage of your good luck and positive flow. Your financial position is very strong. You know how to please a crowd and will have absolutely no problem attracting all the attention you want and need.

VIRGO
Your interests will grow and your participation in different organizations and events will fill your datebook. Your sincere manner will help you establish a position among your peers and colleagues, earning you popularity and a good reputation.

LIBRA
You are emotional, determined and ready to stand up for your beliefs. You have a strong need to be a crusader and will not back down from anything or anyone. You will be quick to do what you feel is necessary to achieve your goals.

SCORPIO
Routine may be somewhat comforting, but the prospect of change is tantalizing. You will be quick to take action, which could very well help you move into a prosperous position, this week.

SAGITTARIUS
You have plenty to offer if you stand tall and present your ideas in a confident manner. You have spunk. Your extraordinary view of life will lead you into interesting directions. You'll be curious, inventive and well-spoken.

CAPRICORN
Your distaste for aggressive behavior might be holding you back from saying your piece. Some people are so difficult that the only thing they understand is harsh treatment.

AQUARIUS
Charming, sophisticated and intuitively intelligent can best describe your aura this week. Being tough might gain you a little respect, as well. If you set your mind on something, nothing will stand in your way.

PISCES
You'll be creative, entertaining and exceptional when attending a social event. You'll also be intuitively able to overcome problem-solving tasks. Your greatest inspiration will come from taking everything personally.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

If you're going to complain all of the time, why don't you do something positive about it?

Why do people carry bells on their bags? Everytime I hear them, I think a) Here comes the ice cream truck, or b) Some angel got her wings. But always, ALWAYS, I am disappointed. It's just a stupid bell on a stupid bag.

Does anyone really like it here?

Where are the good cookies in the TUB?

Why does the TUB feel like a hurricane?

The boys' bathroom in TCF is the best room at WC.

Why do people make fun of El. Ed. majors? I'd like to see you go in a classroom for one day and handle 25 kids for seven hours.

Why do we have to have our Titan cards to get food at the TUB?

Why doesn't Westminster ever cancel classes for snow?

My pet peeve is when a teacher asks a question, and some one answers it, and then seconds later, another says some answer and this viscious cycle continues for about a minute! Thanks - we already have the answer. You can keep the echoes to yourself.

Thank God spring break came. I had to go to the library with no socks, underwear, or a shirt.

Why do people begin to tell stories, and then back off when they could potentially be embarassed?

Boys here are all spoiled mama's boys...everything's been given to them.

Why are these supposed to be intelligent Westminster students really dumb?

I see a lot of mice around here and I hear them squeak.

Why does the TUB lounge close at 2:00 am? I guess something is going to happen at 2:30 that wouldn't happen at 1:30! How much do we have to pay to go to school here - and we don't have any place to study after 2!

"Why does the dining hall have to serve rice with every single meal? I feel like I'm on Survivor."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Rant 'n Rave column is strictly the opinions of the students. However, due to space, some entries may not make it in every week. Also, submissions that are slanderous in nature or have vulgar language will not be published in *The Holcad*.

OUR VIEW: Room drawings

Ah...it's that time of year again, time for room drawings. It's time agair for the compulsive whining and griping Westminster students indulge themselves in when they (gasp!) do not get the rooms they were hoping for. The best part, however, is the off-campus housing drawing which precedes the entire event.

Off-campus housing always seems to be in great demand at Westminster. The most often heard, most annoying and least intelligent complaint is that there is not enough off-campus housing. In case this is not obvious to everyone, there does not appear to be a great amount of housing available period in New Wilmington. Perhaps the college does not have a large amount of off-campus housing available due to this small amount of housing available.

Is the college expected to construct or steal some more off-campus housing then? Sounds reasonable...except for the fact that Westminster already has housing available in the form of dormitories. At many schools, dormitory living is not a punishment, nor is it a guarantee. In fact, the exact opposite situation occurs in other colleges. A lack of on-campus housing causes students to seek an apartment off-campus as their less-preferred and more costly housing alternative. Instead of being appreciative of the guarantee that one can be housed in a Westminster dorm, students complain that they are being deprived of their right to choose where they live.

Other campuses, still, do not give the option of living off-campus at all, but require students live there all four years.

We could come up with a free-for-all where all students start at the TUB and when someone shouts go, they run to the room they want.

When students don't get a chance to live in a designed single, they also become angry. It is ridiculous that people of college-age do not seem able to accept they will have to share a room with at least one other person for their brief stay at Westminster. Granted there are a few people who should not live with other people, but Student Affairs usually makes special accomadations for them.

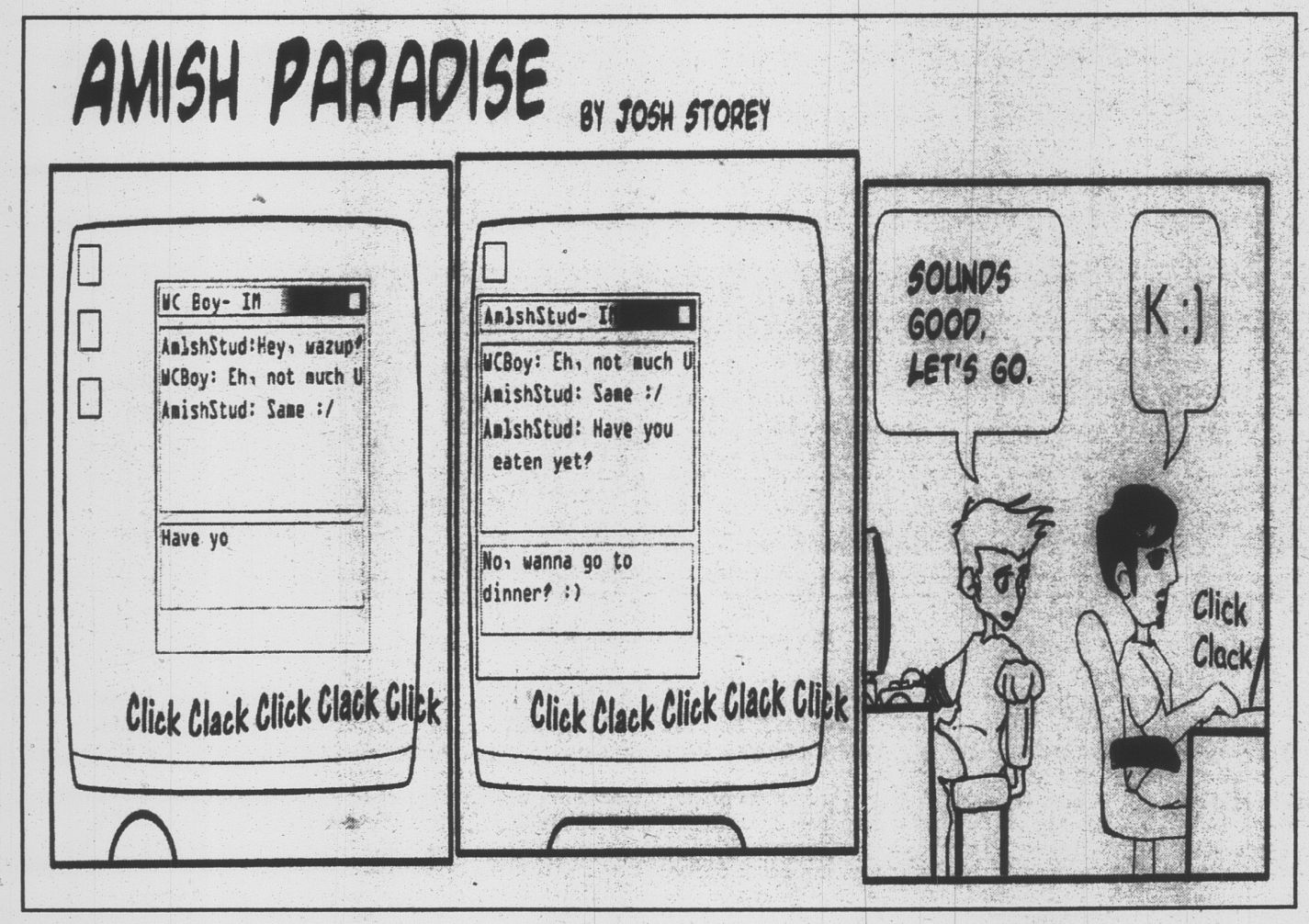
Most complaints fall back to the room drawing process. Seniority is given in most instances. Students draw numbers and pick the rooms according to class. It is hard to suggest a fairer way of picking rooms.

We could come up with a free-for-all where all students start at the TUB and when someone shouts go, they run to the room they want and stay there until someone recognizes this is the room they will have next year. (Think *Far and Away*)

We do not suggest this method.

What we do suggest is that maybe instead of drawing random numbers, give first pick to the person with the highest GPA in his or her class. This would be a much better reward program than the head of the class, and with all the complaints heard on campus about room drawings it would be a good incentive to get good grades.

Complain all you want. When you sit back and think about it, the system is a good one. Maybe you didn't get the room you wanted. Oh well. Make the best of it and if you have a better suggestion, let it be heard.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the previous letters to the Editor that complain about the campus network's reliability. I would just like to explain that there is a big difference between our link to the Internet and the campus' computer network. Our Internet link is provided by a data line to Verizon, the local telephone company, and our Internet Service Provider. The campus computer network, however, is the network that resides on campus, which provides N: and R: drives and e-mail. Our Internet link has been slow and has been down twice this semester. On the other hand, the campus network has had little to no downtime this semester, except for scheduled maintenance. This includes WebAccess, which we had several problems with last semester.

When our Internet link is down, because it is external to the College, we have absolutely no control over it. The problem could be with Verizon, our data line to Verizion or with our Internet Service Provider. We have to rely on Verizon and our Internet Service Provider to diagnose and fix the problem.

Complaints about slow Internet access can be heard all through campus. This is again a situation where we are completely at the mercy of our Internet Service Provider and Verizon to install the new data line that we need to increase our Internet access speed. This line was ordered months ago and they are telling us that it could be another month before we actually get it. There is nothing that we can do about the Internet access speeds until this new line is installed, but responsible use by everyone can help maximize the efficient use of our current line.

My goal in this letter is not to bash anyone but to educate. Complaining can be a good thing if it's done maturely and with accurate information that is founded in fact.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hartner

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the "OUR VIEW: Beyond High School" article. I greatly disagree with the article. Cliques dominate the Westminster campus, and are as bad, if not worse, than cliques in high schools.

At high schools cliques are often transitory. There are those, perhaps a small sports team of the sort that stays together, but often a student has friends in many different cliques. In a high school the cliques are easier to ignore, as most people have childhood friends that he or she remained friends with all through school. At Westminster a student is on campus the majority of the time, constantly exposed to different cliques. It is hard to ignore most of the big cliques like the Greek organizations that are involved in many activities and live all around us in the residence halls.

This is not a rant against the Greek system on campus. They are only a quick example. The problem is that many Westminster students feel intimidated by the social atmosphere on the campus. If a student does not enjoy the parties on the weekends or have a relationship tying him or her to the campus, that student will often leave on the weekends. Walk around the residence halls sometime on the weekend and see how many of the students are bored or lonely because they do not enjoy the "main" campus weekend activities. This creates a rift between the students who feel they are "in" with the campus social life and those who are not.

This is not a problem with a quick fix, nor do I have any to suggest. I simply feel that the "OUR VIEW" article did not take these considerations into account.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lauffer

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Attention faculty and students: Give Sara a taste of her own medicine. Send five questions to holcad@westminster.edu for Sara to answer. One faculty and one student will have their questions answered in next week's paper.

Also, the first person to email the carefully calculated 25 mistakes in next week's paper to *The Holcad* will win a Westminster sweatshirt of their choosing.

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FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring Danyelle Michelle Muscarella and Kay Ann Galanski

Photo by Sara Bozich

Danyelle Michelle Muscarella

Name: Danyelle Michelle Muscarella
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA "city girl"
Nickname: "Little D" "Shorty" "Midget" "Anything that plays on my height or my last name like "Mozzarella."
Year at WC: Senior
Sign: Taurus
Major: Sociology with a minor in Speech Communication
Pet Peeves: "Not using turn signals, people touching me. And I hate smoking."

SB: What do you feel is your greatest talent?
Little D: That I can talk to anyone. And in front of a group. I like public speaking.
SB: What is/was your most interesting job?
Little D: Serving lunch this summer at a park. They gave away free lunch and I cooked hot dogs for little kids.
SB: If you could have three superpowers, what would you want them to be?
Little D: I'd probably want to read people's minds. I'm really nosy. I want to know everything. I'd like to be able to be somewhere instantly (teleportation). I would like to be able to eat whatever I want and have it not effect me or my health.
SB: If you had to choose, would you rather be rich or famous?
Little D: Rich, rich, very rich.
SB: What were your New Year's resolutions? Did you keep them?
Little D: Eat healthier and exercise. Exercise, yes. Healthy, no. That's what lent is for. Also to be more open and take time for myself.

Photo by Sara Bozich

Kay Ann Galanski

Name: Kay Ann Galanski
Hometown: New Castle, PA
Nickname: "No-other than 'the booklady.'"
Year at WC: 13th
Sign: Virgo
Department: Bookstore
Pet Peeve: "People that expect you to jump because they procrastinate."

SB: What do you feel is your greatest talent?
Galanski: The ability to view things through others' eyes.
SB: What is/was your most interesting job?
Galanski: I was Snow White at Disney World
SB: If you could have three superpowers, what would you want them to be?
Galanski: To be able to fly, minus the airplane, of course. To be invisible, as in the fly-on-the-wall theory. To be able to travel at the speed of light, just take off and be on a beach in Hawaii.
SB: If you had to choose, would you rather be rich or famous?
Galanski: I'd rather be rich.
SB: What were your New Year's resolutions? Did you keep them?
Galanski: My New Year's resolution is always that I do not make New Year's resolutions, so yes, I did keep it.

Survivor II: Ogakor shows no mercy

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

The last few weeks have been quite hectic for the remaining members of Survivor. Those left after the merger will stick around to become the jury when there are only two remaining contestants. That jury will then select the winner of the two.

Three weeks ago, the TV audience witnessed the dismissal of Mike by default. CBS foreshadowed the event ominously - alluding to someone's injury by way of a large crocodile. After falling into a fire and burning away the skin on his fingers, Mike was ceremoniously flown away from the Outback - he never even got close to a crocodile. This clinched a necessary win for Ogakor which could then enter the merge with the same number of people as its rival.

The merger occurred rather placidly and now bears the name "Baramundi" or "really big fish." Immunity went to Keith, as he was able to stand longer than everyone else, except Tina. When the two were left standing, Keith asked her to give in and she hesitantly agreed. Amber was the fourth person to quit, tempted from her position by ice cream and hot chocolate. In the end, Jeff was voted out by default in another tie with Colby. He had one vote cast against him in a previous tribal council.

Last week Jerri won the reward challenge which consisted of a full course meal. She asked Amber to join her. Amber felt as if she had "just won the Miss America pageant." The immunity challenge was another thinking game. Amber made the first move, creating a square with ropes and boxing herself in. In the end, however, Keith wins immunity for the second week in a row. Ogakor votes Alicia off in a strategic move.

It is now down to three Kucha members and five Ogakors. Amber is still going strong, but her attachments to Jerri are starting to cause other members to tire of her as well.

Look here next week for the winners of Sara's April Fool's Day contest!

Spring Break trip: delays and bars, fun at the airport

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Lauren and I booked our tickets via the website, www.travelocity.com. Doing that made me a tad nervous, but I figured if I got ripped off I'd find a way to get my money back. We were booked on an airline we had never heard of, Midway Airlines. We later discovered it is owned by American Airlines.

We had elaborate travel plans. Fly to Raleigh/Durham, NC, experience about a three-hour layover (no problem, airports are FUN, right?), fly to Myrtle Beach, SC and then Lauren's friend, Steve, picks us up there and we drive to Wilmington, NC. That was the cheapest way. So, at five in the morning on Friday we went to the airport. We boarded with no trouble and arrived peacefully at five in the morning in Raleigh/Durham.

It turns out that the Pittsburgh Air Mall spoils us. Raleigh stinks. It's one long strip with two bars and a few food shacks that are closed at five in the morning, a restaurant we practically lived in, and barely anything in between. The gift shops were boring, and to find a restaurant that allowed us to smoke cigarettes, we had to hike a quarter mile. It was in the middle of the strip, which spread a half-mile (a person who worked there told us so). Around 11 a.m., we boarded our plane and our pilot informed us that our trip would be approximately 32 minutes. About 25 minutes into the trip the pilot tells us that the plane has a pressure problem and we have to go back. We arrived back in Raleigh fifteen minutes after Steve was expecting to pick us up in Myrtle Beach. We all milled around, waiting for answers, but no one seemed to know. The golfers were busy scheming ways to make their tee time. "Let's play here today, rent a car, drive down and make our tee time tomorrow!" Eventually they settled for getting a drink at the bar. Keep in mind-to me, it might be 8 a.m. I hiked down to the restaurant to get lunch for Lauren and myself and this other golfer who had a British accent (I think he was faking it) screamed at one of the employees because he was missing his tee time.

After a time that same employee told us that we were now taking a different plane so we needed to walk down to the gate on the opposite end of the strip, a half-mile trek. The fake-British guy asked if they would "bring the car around" for him and his fake-British son. When we reached the other end, we found the golfers to be at an identical bar at the opposite end. Within three minutes of our arrival to this gate, an announcement called for us to return to our original gate-another half-mile journey.

This time we boarded the plane and flew straight to Myrtle Beach, SC. We arrived there around 3 p.m. Three hours late.

We discovered at some point the reason that our plane had to return to the airport. Raleigh is the hub for Midway Airlines and all of their maintenance crew is located there. If we landed in Myrtle Beach as originally scheduled, they wouldn't have had a crew to work on the plane and apparently flying back an empty plane is a big no-no.

Lauren and I were by far the most patient patrons of this airline, even though we were dirty, tired and feeling bad for Steve. We found all of our trouble amusing. Although, perhaps if we had a tee time to make we would have been as distressed or drunk as those would-be golfers.

Campus lobby review: the good, the bad and the untidy

By Sara Bozich and Jon McKay
STAFF WRITERS

From the Team who brought you the Bathroom Expose...Lobby Expose 2001

Westminster College was founded as a coeducational school but has never condoned the co-habitation of the sexes. Lobbies provide amorous coeds the opportunity to be together at times when visitation hours prohibit them from the comforts of their dorm rooms. They are also fine meeting places for group work, and can provide study sanctuary when your roommate is being loud or stinky. Motivated by our success with the bathrooms,

Photo by Sara Bozich
Early Hillside Hall lobby

Jon and I decided to investigate the lobbies on campus. Jon and I set out to visit each residence hall (except Jeffers because it scares me) and check out the pros and cons of each lobby.

We started out in Galbreath. I lived there for three years, so it had a reminiscent, homey feel to it. I walked in and felt oddly at home. Jon rated the TV as "average," though it suffered bad reception and lacked a remote. The furniture, Jon claimed, looked as though it came straight from the set of the Brady Bunch. Yes, a very dirty and stained Brady Bunch. The lobby's best features included a big desk and computer ports, making it conducive to studying. The downside is the cafeteria-based traffic. In addition, any snacks or bathroom facilities are located downstairs by the cafeteria. It's a hike. We graded Galbreath lobby with a C average. It was messy, yet had the benefit of good studying potential, with little else to offer.

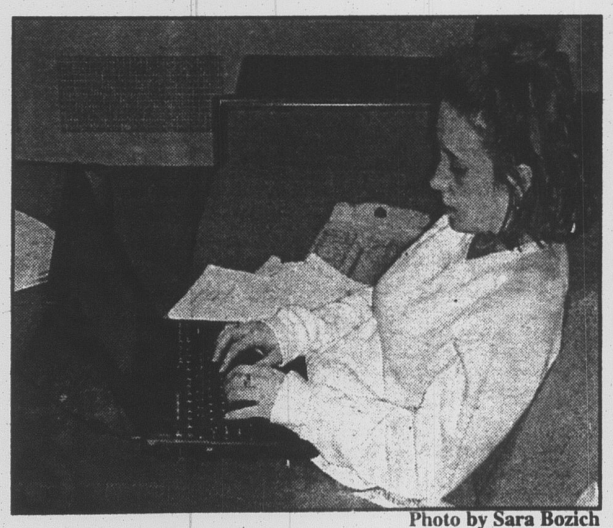


Photo by Sara Bozich
Pamela McCalmont demonstrates her studying skills.

We visited Ferguson next. When you enter the building, you have to pass through a foyer, and then turn to your left. The bathroom is located to the right of the stairs, opposite the lobby itself. Pop and snack machines are located in a small room to the left just before the great room begins. The room itself is gorgeous. The furniture is exquisite. There is a fireplace and French doors. I felt like I was in the fancy den of a rich person's house. It is very homey with countless coffee table and couch setups. It has what I refer to as "two nooks and a large cranny." The room did offer computer outlets but overall did not provide enough light or proper desk space for studying. It is, however, very conducive to "lounging." Jon commented on its spaciousness, "You could push the couches back, pop in a Tae Bo tape, and go to town. [Editors note: Jon has never done Tae Bo in his life.]" Ferg gets an A for best furniture all around and an A for atmosphere. It gets a D in studious atmosphere (how much studying do you really need to do?). With our incredible math skills, this averages to an A. Go Ferguson!

On to Browne...everything in here was really low to the ground. It looked like it had been designed by kindergarteners. It had a few components nearby to justify a kitchen, including not just a toaster, but a toaster oven. Its bulletin boards were uncared for, left to be read in cryptic random phrases. We also noticed a nasty sort of carpet-thing covering what we found to be an even nastier stain-type thing on the floor. Eww. Browne is middle of the road overall. There was clear evidence of studying-in-progress (see photo), not too dirty, not too clean. We give it a B-minus. Not your best work, Westminster, but it'll do.

Next, we did freshmen girls' lobbies. I noted immediately Shaw Hall's fab color scheme. The décor is a little ornate for a freshman girls' dorm, but it is classy and it looks nice. Our next endeavor was to begin the gaming. The above-mentioned lobbies didn't offer games of any type, but we happened upon a pool table in Shaw and went to town. The cue sticks were in terrible condition, and the blue motif of the pool table caused confusion in my mind and near defeat. Close game, but I beat Jon. We both agreed that the pool table must not get much use, because everyone who entered while we were playing looked at us as if we were on crack.

Shaw Hall is synonymous with multitasking. You can pick up your UPS packages there, make a few copies, cook some dinner, shoot some billiards, then relax on the loveseat with your favorite TV show. The kitchen itself was spectacular. Roomy, fully stocked (with appliances, not food), and well maintained. You could easily feed a few friends or even study during the night. The one downfall to Shaw is its ridiculously tiny and oddly designed bathroom. You could perish in there and there is a chance no one would ever find you. Not because it's big, but because the toilet is hidden when the door opens. How do you get there? Furthermore, how do you get out? I do not recommend mixing beer and that facility. The bathroom debacle lowered Shaw lobby's grade to a B+. Fine work, but someone could die in there...

Walking to Eichenauer always gives me an uneasy feeling. Perhaps it's my fear of fire drills or the stench so awful that small animals die, but whatever it is, I don't like it. The campus phone-so vital to the escorting of girls-was missing. The snack machine signaled to us in Morse code, its inner light flashing, "Help me!" The bathroom was as decent as you're going to get in an all-boys dorm, and the closest we came to a kitchen apparatus was the water fountain. The pool table was kinda junky. The cue sticks were horrendous. The R.D. told us he had just purchased new ones but these had no tips. It's as if these boys just get hungry and start gnawing the tips off the pool sticks. Why do that? Guys, the snack machine is right there-it's flashing at you!

We then visited the 2nd floor lobby, which was very scary. Report: Air hockey BROKEN. Everything else GONE. EMPTY, DESTROYED, DISABLED, with a very stained chair. My exact quote was, "Very stained very very. Very stained." Jon summed up his thoughts by saying "I think this room is used for sumo wrestling when guys get hopped up on goofballs." We did finally play pool downstairs, to keep the gaming motif. Pool score: Sara-1, Jon-1. Eichenaur gets a disappointing grade. It offered the smallest space, the least furniture and the most destruction. However, it gains points for simply having a pool table. Grade: D-.

Hillside, like Ferguson, has a hidden lobby. You actually have to go upstairs to find this one. The pool table was covered so we didn't play, though when we inspected it we noticed a broken pocket and that the felt was completely scratched up. It did have a very cool bar-type lamp hanging overhead. The lighting throughout the lobby was good, and seemed to be used both for studying and small group communication. I enjoyed a bulletin board that displayed some of Hillside's history. It had a picture of the lobby in the early 1900s (see photo) and a list stating the rules for girls over a hundred years ago. The furniture is no-frills and in so-so condition.

Jon and I were informed of some slight controversy concerning an adjoining "Honors Lounge," a room for students who live on the Honors hall to study in. Apparently, regular old folk were using this lounge for their study habits and the Honors students were offended and put up a sign denoting its purpose for Honors students only. Jon checked out this "Honors Lounge" in detail. He said, "There's nothing real honorary about it. I'll give it an honor for how dirty it is." It was very cluttered and gross. Ridiculously unclean.

As for its rating, the Hillside lobby was different, though it lacks the convenience of being right inside the door. I got a big kick out of the pre-lounge, a symmetrical entrance way to the lobby (see photo). It wasn't horrifically dirty, though one patron, junior Jessica Toy said, "They need to clean up the dead bee carcasses." Basically, the place was so-so in the long run. Its space, good lighting and

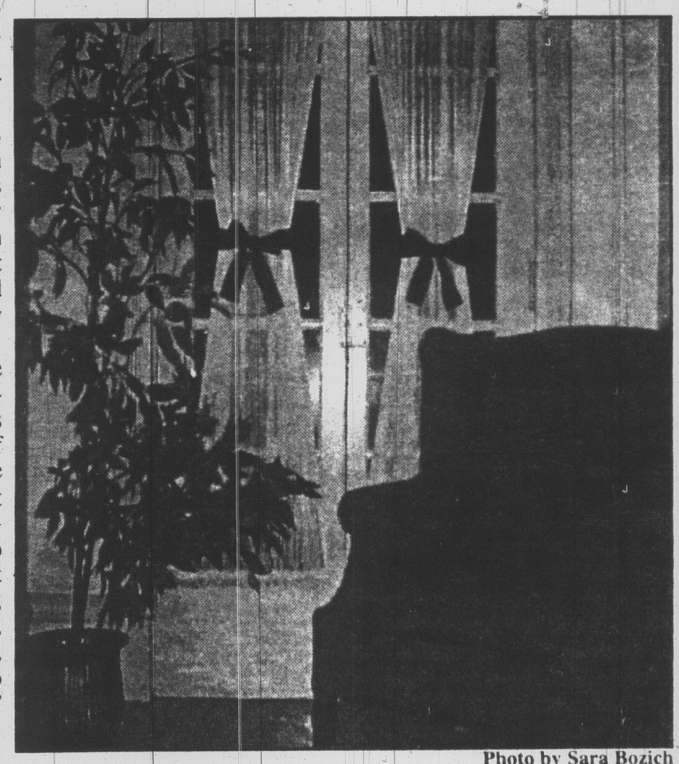
Photo by Sara Bozich
A student demonstrates his ping pong skills in Russell Lobby.

variety of seating choices provides ample opportunity for studies and homework. The pool table could use some work, or possibly even be removed if it is not used. We rate Hillside a B+.

Finally, we investigated Russell lobby, located in the dormitory basement. It was impeccably clean and offered a men and women's bathroom. The TV/couch lounge looked brand new, though lacked a VCR. However, Russell lobby is game paradise. There is ping-pong, air hockey and a pool table. And people actually use these items-we saw them in action (see photo). The pool table was by far the best we had seen, though Jon thought is was too large. It may have been regulation size. The cue sticks weren't ruined and the felt wasn't damaged. "Some parts of Russell are pretty shaky, but this is one of the best lobbies on campus," was the quote from the lobby expert, Jon McKay. Grade-A.

At the end of the lobby expose, Sara triumphed over Jon two games to one in billiards. Jon insisted on an air hockey game to redeem his ego. Except I wasn't so horrible at it. In response, Jon, like Tonya Harding, repeatedly caused the puck to fly off the table, violently hitting me in my fingers and arms. I gave him style points for the slap shots, but deducted points each time he injured me. This is what he had to do in order to win an air hockey game.

I screamed, "WHY? WHY? WHY ME???!!!" and let him win 14-12.



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Pre-lobby of Hillside Hall

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INSIDE LAWRENCE COUNTY airs Thursday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. on Cable 9. The local news/magazine show is produced by students in the Communication Studies Department and is also seen throughout Lawrence County on Cable Channel 10.

"FOR SENIORS ONLY DINNER" is scheduled for Thursday, March 29 at 5:30 p.m. in Russell Dining Room. For reservations, call Linda Wilson at EXT. 7364 before the deadline of March 26.

TUESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP is scheduled March 27 at 7 a.m. in Lindley Dining Hall with Dr. Timothy T. Wooster.

FACULTY FORUM continues Wednesday, March 28, at 11:30 a.m. in Patterson 131 with Dr. David Gray's presentation of "Bungling and Bundling Globalism."

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 23
11:40 a.m. Chapel
Softball at Shippensburg Invitational
7:30 p.m. Westminster Symphonic Band Concert - Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. Alpha Psi Omega One-Act Festival — Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 24
Softball at Shippensburg Invitational
Track and Field at Clarion Early Bird Invitational
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Spring Retreat — TUB Lounge
1:00 p.m. Baseball at St. Vincent
3:00 p.m. Senior Organ Recital: Elizabeth Keen — Orr Auditorium
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
8:00 p.m. Alpha Psi Omega's Evening of One-Acts - Down Under
Zeta Tau Alpha Date Party

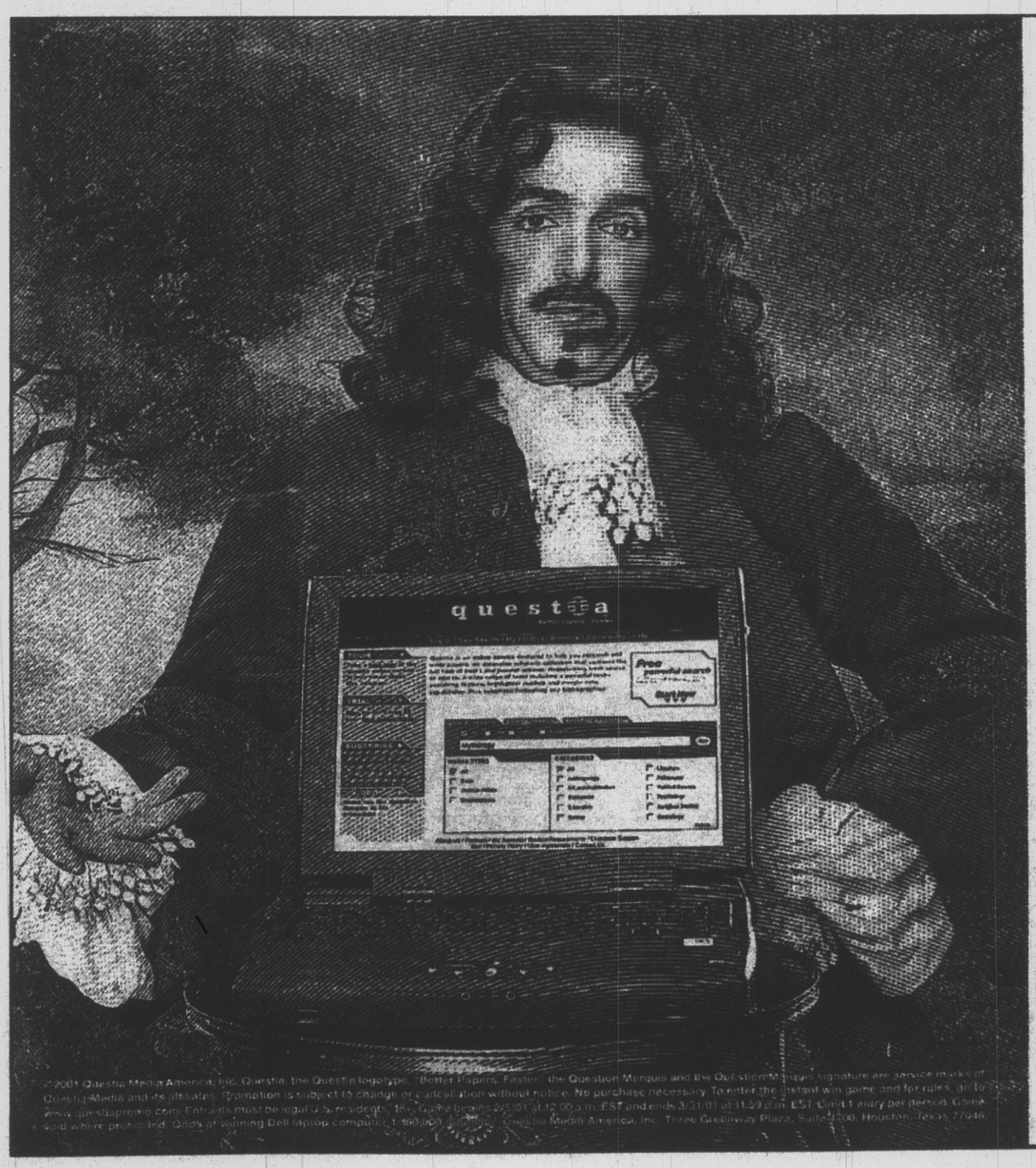
SUNDAY 25
Local Spring Fling
Softball at Shippensburg Invitational
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Equestrian Team Spring Horse Show - Little Neshannock Stables
12N Sigma Kappa Initiation — Chapel
3:00 p.m. Kappa Delta Pi Initiation - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Vespers
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 26
LAST DAY FOR A 40% REFUND
Golf: Titan Invitational (H)
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 150
6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - Down Under
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Maureen McGovern and John Pizzarelli - Orr Auditorium

TUESDAY 27
HISTORY DAY 2001 — Orr Auditorium
10:00 a.m. CCO Team Meeting — Down Under
11:00 a.m. Council of Chairs — TUB A/B
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis at Thiel
4:00 p.m. Diversity Symposium Event — Down Under
Host Group: SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise)
5:30 p.m. RESIDENCE HALLS ADVISORY BOARD Meeting - Lindley Dining Room
7:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal — Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. New Century Piano Duo Concert — Orr Auditorium
8:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel

WEDNESDAY 28
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum - TUB A/B
2:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Hilbert (H)
3:00 p.m. Softball vs. Edinboro (H)
4:00 p.m. Diversity Symposium Event — HSC 152
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Career Center Preparation for PERC — TUB A/B
7:30 p.m. Westminster Jazz Ensemble Concert - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TUB A/B
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting - Location TBA
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - CFH 111
9:00 p.m. Rotaract Meeting — TUB A/B
9:30 p.m. Seekers - Down Under

THURSDAY 29
3:00 p.m. Softball vs. Carlow (H)
4:00 p.m. Men's Tennis at Bethany
5:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Pi and Diversity Symposium Program: Joseph Bruchac, Native American Children's Author - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Greek Week Committee Meeting — TUB A/B
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
8:00 p.m. Asian Culture Club Meeting — PH 112
8:00 p.m. "Survivor" Night — Down Under



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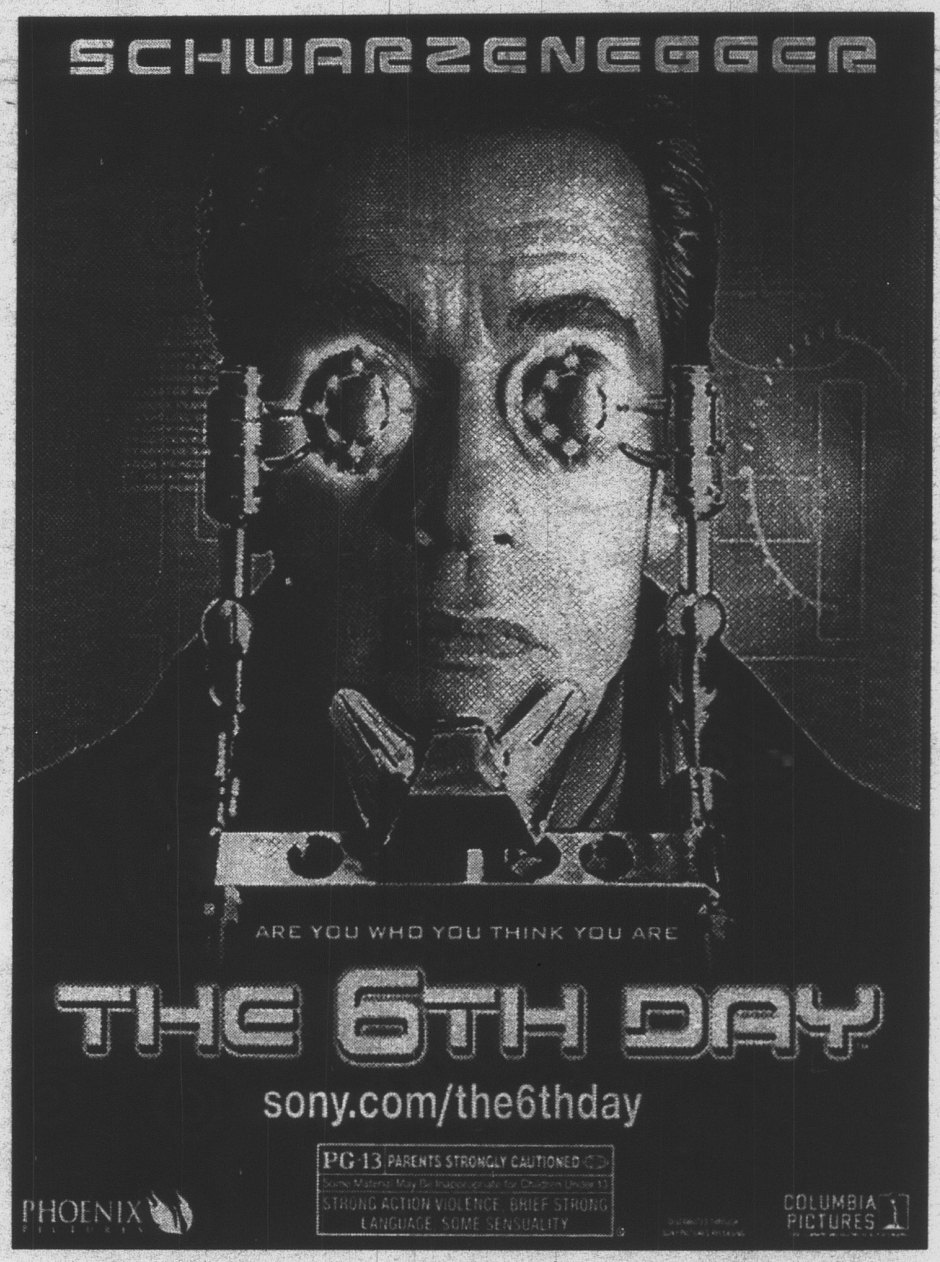

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Campus mourns Florence Cline

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Westminster College lost a beloved and long-time member of its community last weekend. Florence A. Cline, 76, a Westminster employee for over 50 years, died Sunday after a prolonged illness.

"Flo," as most of Westminster knew her, celebrated 40 continuous years of service with the campus dining service last summer. She worked in Russell Dining Hall for 20 years until Duff Dining Hall opened.

Jeff Creveling, Food Service Director, worked with Mrs. Cline for over a year. "Flo was a lot of fun," Creveling said. "She had a great sense of humor; we shared jokes almost every morning. This whole community is going to miss her."

Mrs. Cline's co-workers also remembered her fondly. "We used to go to football games and lunch together," said Donna Buchowski, who worked at Westminster with Cline for 31 years. Another of her co-workers, Janet Gault, remembers Mrs. Cline's enthusiasm. "She was a real go-getter. Flo never gave up," Gault said.

After more than five decades at Westminster, Mrs. Cline's relationship with the students was legendary. Seeing hundreds of students up to three times each day allowed her to get to know some students personally. "They loved her and she loved them. All of them," Buchowski said. Creveling remembered how touched Mrs. Cline was when graduating students would ask for her picture at the end of the school year. "That really meant a lot to her. She didn't even know all of them by name, but she cared for them all," he said.

Junior Richard Chapin elaborated on the students' relationship with Mrs. Cline. "Flo always brightened everyone's day when they went to eat," Chapin said. "I am sure that I speak for all the students when I say she will be sadly missed."

Another testament to the bond between Mrs. Cline and Westminster students was the immense "Get Well Soon Flo" sign that contained the signatures of dozens of students. Rev. Dr. James A. Durlesser displayed the sign during the funeral service Wednesday as a symbol of how many lives she touched. "Florence was a woman of deep faith," Durlesser said. He continued the service by reciting verses from her favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace."

Several hundred friends, family members, Westminster students and staff attended viewing services Tuesday night. Funeral Director Craig Smith said the large turnout was a testament to how much Mrs. Cline was loved by the people of the community. "She was honest and fair. She stood up for youth. She always wanted people to know that Westminster students were good kids," Smith said.

Mrs. Cline was born in New Wilmington on March 5, 1925, and attended the Wilmington Area schools. She married Cecil Cline, also a long-time employee of Westminster, on March 5, 1943. She was a life member of the United Methodist Church of New Wilmington. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, two sons, a brother, five sisters, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mariners donate book to college library

By Mindy Falk
STAFF WRITER

McGill Library has been expanded with the addition of a new book presented by members of the Mariners of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, March 27th. The book is *A Careless Word, A Needless Sinking*, by Captain Arthur Moore.

The book was presented at 10 a.m. on Tuesday to Vice President of Advancement, Gloria Cagigas. The Mariners that were present included CEO Walter Luikart, former purser George Paxton, former third engineer Dale Ferguson and his wife Anna, former reefer Pete Madden, Vice President of the Valley Forge Region of the National Organization Don Trimbath, former seamen Dick Jones and Pete Gorley and honorary member Frances Dunlap.

The research book is a history of the Merchant Marines during World War II. This is the fifth book that the Mariners have donated to a library.

"The book illustrates the experiences very well because it gives great detail to the supply line of troops overseas. It is a very conclusive and well-researched book," said Luikart.

Along with the book, the Mariners also donated "The Merchant Marine A War" pamphlet to accompany it.

The Mariners hope to gain publicity. "The purpose of our efforts is to get the story out about Merchant Marines, who have been recognized as the sixth service since 1988," said Luikart.

Approximately 250,000 Merchant Marines served in World War II after being recruited by the War Shipping Administration. They manned the ships that were under enemy fire in every war invasion.

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Photo by Andi Majot

The Mariners prepare to make their donation.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Zeta Tau Alpha helps rebuild chapter at Edinboro

By Jess Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority did something pretty special a couple weeks ago that went unnoticed by many people. They rebuilt a Zeta Tau Alpha chapter at Edinboro University.

The Edinboro chapter had only three members and was in serious need of some new recruits. It would have been nearly impossible for the sorority to meet enough girls to get their numbers up having only three active members, so they enlisted our chapter for help.

Our Zetas have the fourth best chapter in the nation and the girls were ready and willing to lend a hand to fellow sisters.

"It was a great honor to be asked to help," said junior Kate McKenzie, vice president.

The Zetas made four trips to Edinboro to assist the fellow chapter. Beginning on Feb. 21, the Zetas attended a basketball game to help spread the word about Zeta Tau Alpha.

At the basketball game, sisters passed out fliers and pink ribbons to inform students and others about Zeta Tau Alpha and breast cancer awareness, the sorority's philanthropy.

"There seemed to be a lot of interest, and the school seemed really excited about reviving the sorority," senior Summerlea Hobbs said.

On March 1, the Westminster Zetas headed back up to Edinboro to help with a philanthropy party. The party informed interested girls about the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation.

March 2 was the final night of formal recruitment parties at Edinboro, and sisters again went up to assist. This night was a preference party where recruits learned more about the history of Zeta Tau Alpha. Then on March 3, Westminster sisters went up for the last time to help with pick up day.

The Edinboro chapter picked up 45 new girls and informed new sisters to ask friends if they were interested. The chapter plans to bring in new girls throughout the coming year. The chapter's goal is 60 new members.

"This number seems pretty feasible, because most of the new Zetas had a friend that was interested in becoming a Zeta," McKenzie said.

The campus at Edinboro is excited about the rebuilding of the chapter. Many students are now wearing pins saying, "Have you heard the NEWZ? Zeta Tau Alpha." The chapter has also picked up four new members since their formal pick up.

Contributed Photo
Westminster Zetas travelled to Edinboro to help a chapter in need.

"The entire campus is being very supportive, as I understand it, wearing the pins and such," McKenzie said.

Westminster Chapter President, Junior Michelle Knestrick said it best when she described their help at Edinboro.

"It was a really rewarding experience to help other Zetas gain 49 new members and to see all the smiles on their faces," she said. "I can't wait to go back and see how they are doing."

Red Cross blood drive coming soon to campus

By Dee Natale
STAFF WRITER

The Red Cross blood drive scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. at the TUB on April 10 offers students the opportunity to be heroes without leaving campus.

"What a fantastic thing for a campus to do," Kathy Quimby, Red Cross donor resources representative said. "Give a gift from within yourself that everybody has - it's free, but it's priceless."

Robert Mangino, talk-show host for WKST radio in New Castle, knows first-hand the importance of giving blood. His daughter, Rachel, underwent open-heart surgery as an infant at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. She is now a healthy, active eight year-old.

"I didn't realize until it was all over how important blood donations were," Mangino said. "We had the best hospital, wonderful doctors and well-trained nurses, but without the blood, they would not have been able to do their work."

Perry Biondi, customer service technician with Verizon Communications, once needed a blood transfusion. As the result of an auto accident at age 17, he spent 45 days in the hospital and required 84 units of blood.

"I definitely feel blessed," Biondi said. "Without the blood to sustain life, I wouldn't be here."

A shortage in the national blood supply began last summer, according to Quimby. The largest shortage is type O positive, the most common blood type. Optimal supply is three days; this region routinely has less than a two-day supply. The shortage is due to an increase in heart surgeries, organ transplants and chemotherapy.

Over 2,000 pints of blood were collected through blood drives held at the college since 1993, according to the Red Cross site report. The drives are held three times a year with a goal of 100 pints of blood per drive. Since not everyone who wishes to donate passes the screening process, at least 130 potential donors are needed to reach the goal.

"We draw from four groups on campus," said Beth Brooks, secretary at the office of student affairs. "Students are the largest group, followed by administration, faculty and support staff."

According to Brooks, the four-step process takes a little over an hour. She advises donors to eat a few hours before donating. The first step is registration, which requires a form of identification. Next, nurses complete a health screening including temperature, pulse and blood pressure. Anyone under 17 or weighing less than 105 pounds is disqualified. The third step is the actual blood donation that takes approximately 15 minutes. The final step is enjoying tasty refreshments, donated by Sodexo Marriott.

"You don't have to do anything once you fill out the papers," Quimby said. "The nurses do all the work and you get cookies."

Once blood is donated, it is carefully screened for atypical antibodies and markers for infectious diseases, such as hepatitis B and HIV 1/HIV 2 (AIDS antibody), according to an American Red Cross brochure. Blood that tests positive is destroyed, and the donor is notified and permanently deferred.

Each acceptable pint of blood can then be separated into four components detailed on the Red Cross web site, www.redcross.org. Red blood cells are used for surgery, kidney dialysis and anemia; plasma is used for burn victims and shock; platelets are used for surgery and to treat leukemia and other forms of cancer and cryoprecipitate is used as clotting protein for hemophiliacs.

The campus as a whole participates in the blood drive, including Greeks and Panhel. Approximately 85 sorority members take part in the drive.

"The blood drive is an ongoing project for the Panhellenic (society)," said junior Amiee Piccolino, former Panhellenic service chair and secretary. "By getting volunteers, we are helping contribute to the blood bank, in addition to donating ourselves."

Senior Katrina Kenney stated it makes her feel good to give.

"I usually work an hour or two during the day," Kenney said. "Each sorority is responsible for working the drive and that is how I got involved."

According to Scott Renninger, associate professor and chair of the physical education department, the five fraternities participate in varying degrees. Renninger serves as faculty advisor to the inter-fraternity council.

"We offer an incentive to get involved by paying $5 a head," Renninger said. "The highest contributing fraternity receives an additional prize."

Giving blood is a way for students to make a difference. You can literally save lives by giving blood and encouraging others to do so.

For more information about the campus blood drive, contact the Office of Student Affairs at EXT 7110.

Lambda Sigma recruits new members for national honorary

Society emphasizes scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service

By JoAnn Lewis
STAFF WRITER

Lambda Sigma is a national honorary society that doesn't require its members to have a perfect grade point average. Its members are sophomores with a minimum 3.0 g.p.a. who are committed to the community and demonstrate leadership skills.

The society begins recruiting before the fall semester. Each current member sends 10 letters to incoming freshman to provide a brief overview of the society. "I remember when I got my letter. One of the first things I did when I got to campus was to find out more information," said Kylene Adams, junior advisor.

A tea, attended by about sixty-five students is held in Sept. to provide detailed information for potential members. Applicants are required to write a summary about themselves, complete an application and provide references. Advisors and officers select the new members.

The campus chapter has about thirty-five members."It's a great organization. It focuses on four things: scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service," Adams said.

Lambda Sigma's main emphasis is on community service, according to Dr. Neal Edman, advisor. A few of the ways members help out is to serve food at the rescue mission, organize fund-raisers, volunteer at animal shelters and collect for Toys for Tots. Adams, an elementary education major, said she enjoyed tutoring the best.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for individuals to share academic, global and community spirit," Edman said. "Basically, it teaches them (members) to be better people."

Campus tradition: The history of Lake Brittain

By Paula Devido
STAFF WRITER

During the summer of 1951, a lake south of the Field House was completed. The lake was financed by Trustee J. Frank Brittain, and therefore named in honor of him.

College historian Paul Gamble may have had a hand in the origin of the lake.

"I told Dr. Orr the one thing this campus needs that no other campus has is a lake," he said. "I'm not really sure if that is the reason the lake was constructed or not."

The original lake was small with all straight edges. It was initially likened to a reservoir rather than a lake.

The area surrounding the lake was very swampy and unattractive. The plan to add faculty housing on the west side of the lake is probably the reason it was enlarged. Increasing its size would use up more swampy area, thus making it more attractive for the faculty housing development.

In 1956 the lake was enlarged and the faculty housing development underwent construction. Faculty members and their families enjoyed boating and water skiing on Brittain.

There are many interesting stories surrounding the lake, such as the tale of Dr. Orr allegedly running his water skiing wife into the dock, breaking both of her legs. Another story is that one night a group of students dug a trench and completely drained the lake.

In recent years a boathouse was added. Currently the physical education classes store canoes and small boats there.

In the winter months, students and New Wilmington residents enjoy ice-skating, hockey games and sled-riding on the lake.

Photo by Aly Karg
Two onlookers enjoy the tranquil Lake Brittain.

PA Cleanways to host one of four seasonal cleanups

On Saturday, March 31st from 7:30am to 12:00pm along the Neshannock Creek Railroad Bed, the Lawrence County Chapter of PA CleanWays will hold one of its four cleanups of the season. The March 31st and April 7th sites are being cleaned as part of the chapter's Growing Greener watershed assessment and cleanup project.

PA CleanWays is a statewide nonprofit environmental organization empowering people to eliminate littering and illegal dumping in Pennsylvania. The chapter received $18,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the project which involves locating illegal dump areas along the county's major waterways and targeting several sites for cleanup. Tri-County Industries, Pagley's Pasta & Pizza, S&S Processing, Telephone Pioneers of America and the Neshannock Creek Fly Shop have recently joined in supporting the project effort.

Both the March 31st and April 7th cleanup sites are located along the Neshannock Creek in Wilmington Township. Volunteers are being sought for both events. The first area being cleaned is in the delayed harvest fishing section. Anyone interested in attending the March 31 cleanup is asked to meet at the parking area north of the railroad bed used to access the fish for fun area between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m. The lot is on the right side of the road, just north of the covered bridge.

The April 7 site, also along the Neshannock Creek can be reached by taking Mercer Road north from New Castle and turning right onto route 956. Turn left onto Fayette-Neshannock Falls road, which is the second left. Park off the road by the railroad bed.

The Lawrence County chapter of PA CleanWays has been fighting illegal dumping and littering since 1993. Over the past eight years the chapter has cleaned up twelve sites, held twenty-six cleanups and removed more than 171 tons of trash.

Volunteers helping with the cleanup will need to bring gloves and wear jeans, a long sleeved shirt and thick-soled shoes with traction for climbing. Cleanups are carried out rain or shine, but will be cancelled in the event of severe weather. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Carrie Fowler at 946-2556 or Jerry Zona at 654-6041 for more information.

Local Reverend Tom Houston to speak at Sunday Vespers

By Diana Wells
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

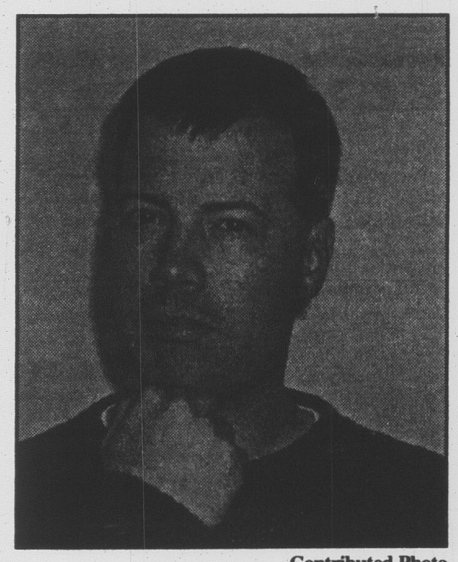
"Every man has his own vocation, talent is the call" -Ralph Waldo Emerson.

This quote describes a talented man, a man who not only carries out his job, but one who is motivated and talented in his career. I believe this quote describes Reverend Tom Houston. Vespers is honored to have Reverend Houston, Associate Minister to Youth and Family at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, speak in the chapel on Sunday April 1, 2001.

Rev. Houston has been happily married to Megan Kelly Houston for over 10 years. They have three children: Joshua, age six; Benjamin, age three; and Hannah, 20 months old. Rev. Houston was ordained into the ministry on October 8, 1995. Since this time, he has helped nurture Westminster faculty and students both in their faith and in their everyday lives.

He is passionate about getting to know people better and strives to make people feel welcome everywhere he goes. He enjoys working with others toward common goals. The church also helps meet these goals.

Reverend Houston is a Philadelphia sports team fan who continues to root these teams to victory. Even though he is partial to these sports teams, he does allow the church to host youth group functions such as watching the Super Bowl, even when Philadelphia is not playing.



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Reverend Tom Houston

Rev. Houston is looking forward to speaking at chapel. He has a deep love for Westminster.

The most fulfilling part of his current position at the church is the chance that he has to see people of various ages growing in their love for Jesus Christ and in their commitment to God. Come hear Reverend Tom Houston speak on Sunday night at 7:00 in the chapel on April 1, 2001.

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General Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, "When final victory is ours, there is no organization that will share the credit more than the Merchant Marine."

Dale Ferguson said that they would like to go into the classroom and speak directly to students, educating them about the Merchant Marines because no one is really aware of who they are.

The Mariners of Pennsylvania can be contacted at (724) 654-4271. The contact person is Walter Luikart. Or their web sit can be visited at www.USMM.org/.

Photo by Andi Majot
Gloria Cagigas accepts the donation on behalf of McGill Library.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

PNC Park nears completion in time for opening day

By Tom Barnes
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

A PNC Park welder aims the bright flame of an acetylene torch at an aluminum railing, fastening it around the bleachers in left field.

Up one level, workers install cushy chairs inside 65 luxury suites leased by corporations and VIPs.

High above and behind home plate, finishing touches are being put on the press box, broadcasting booths and a roomful of electronic gizmos that will control the Sony Jumbotron scoreboard in left field, the out-of-town-game scoreboard in right field and the colorful light-emitting-diode advertising panels along the first and third base lines.

The Kentucky bluegrass on the playing field is trimmed to the height the Pirates want - 1 5/8 to 1 3/4 inches.

And just outside the right field fence, construction proceeds feverishly on the Riverwalk, an expanse of concrete and concession stands on game days and a good vantagepoint for sightseers when the Pirates are out of town.

After almost exactly two years of construction — ground was broken April 7, 1999 — the Pirates' $262 million playground of tan limestone and dark-blue steel is nearly finished.

Will everything be ready for the first game, a preseason exhibition against the New York Mets on Saturday?

"We're 99 percent complete," said Craig Dunham, who has worked since September 1998 as the Pirates' representative overseeing ballpark design and construction.

A few things may not be totally finished by the Saturday and Sunday preseason games. "We'll still be doing some painting and hanging some signs on the 31st," Pirates vice president Steve Greenberg said.

Dunham said sidewalks along Federal Street, just off the Clemente (Sixth Street) Bridge, might not be finished. That work has been hampered by delays in rebuilding the street itself and in placing underground water and sewer lines.

Another unfinished area is likely to be a playground just outside the right-field wall, near a new street called Mazeroski Way. It's the same area set aside for a $2 million Pirate ship, if the team can find a corporate sponsor for it.

Greenberg said he was positive all work would be completed by the first regular-season game April 9 against the Cincinnati Reds. "We're on time and on budget," he said.

Much of the credit goes to Dunham, 39, a San Francisco native and an architect. He's a self-employed "hired gun" who's been working on PNC Park for 2 1/2 years. When it's finished, he'll move on.

His previous projects include the renovation of New York City's Sheraton St. Regis Hotel and office parks and commercial buildings in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The Pirates hired Dunham and an engineering consultant, John Lloyd, to represent them in the construction and to coordinate the work of various contractors.

Dunham sounds like a proud papa as he escorts visitors around the new ballpark, resplendent with its dark-blue seats, green playing field, dark-red warning track of crushed lava, tan walls and seven tall light standards. To give the park an added Pennsylvania touch, Norway pines have been imported from Indiana County, which Greenberg calls "the Christmas tree capital of the world." The pines are planted right of the two bullpens, which sit side by side just outside the center-field fence.

The area also will contain mountain laurel, the state flower. This planted section stands in front of a 40-foot-high green wall, which gives batters a dark against which it will be easier to see the baseball as it leaves the pitcher's hand.

Dunham said there were two main objectives in designing the ballpark. One was "to create a relationship to the city — an urban ballpark connected to the city — and I think we've succeeded in that."

He said the ballpark "celebrates the city" by showing off the skyline to fans. "This is as good as you can possibly get for a ballpark. The site is fabulous. The rivers are a great element. So are the bridges."

The other objective was to create "a state-of-the-art sports facility that's really about baseball — about a level of intimacy and experience of the game," Dunham said.

"I think people will realize we've succeeded there, too. The seating areas are close to the field. It's a comfortable place to be. It will be a fun place to spend an afternoon."

"At PNC Park, you'll see the good things from Forbes Field — the blue seats, the blue steel, grass and an asymmetrical outfield — but not the bad things, like the poles "that blocked some fans' view," Greenberg said.

AP File Photo
PNC Park is nearly ready for preseason.

The seven "old-fashioned" light towers also were modeled after those at Forbes Field. There are no light standards in center field, however, so as not to block fans' views of the city skyline.

Greenberg said the overall goal was to make PNC Park "a destination point," a place where people will come on game days and nongame days alike.

It will be marketed for weddings, parties, dinners, business meetings, trade shows and other nonbaseball uses.

He has an ambitious goal for PNC Park - "to see that this building has life all the time."

Point Park College planning $3 million facelift

By Bill Schackner
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

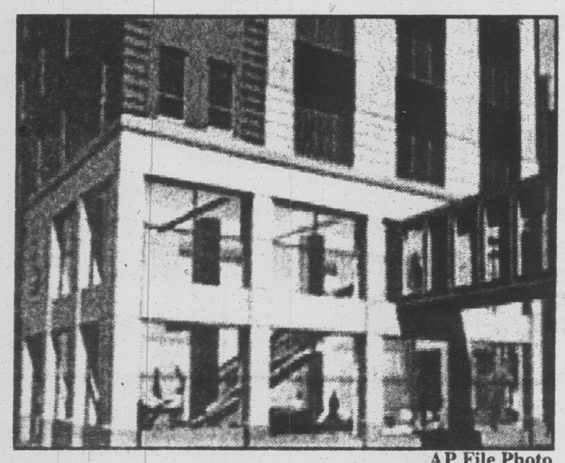
Point Park College wants to be more visible, but you'd never know it by the school's exterior. It's so bland that many downtown travelers don't know they're passing a college.

The 41-year-old school wants that to change.

So it plans to spend up to $3 million to transform its lower two floors into a glass-enclosed atrium. It will offer passers-by on the Boulevard of the Allies and Wood Street a view of student lounges on two floors linked by a 30-foot-long staircase.

The project, now in the design stages, is expected to begin this summer and take 15 months to complete. It promises to be the most visible part of a project under way to reconfigure existing floor space and plan for anticipated growth.

In addition to the new atrium planned for Academic Hall, Point Park plans to make similar modifications to the ground floor of Lawrence Hall next door, as well as clean the exterior of its 22-story residence hall overlooking the boulevard.



AP File Photo
Point Park hopes renovation will make it more visible.

"It will dramatically enhance our curb appeal. It will make it impossible to walk past and not know that this is Point Park," said Katherine Henderson, the school's president.

The project will showcase "some of the life and vibrancy of the college," said Richard DeYoung, senior principal and chief executive officer with WTW Architects, which has been hired for the work.

The lobby work will require moving some offices around inside the college. The exterior work is taking place just down the street from another major school improvement project along the boulevard — the opening of the new headquarters for the Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

Once the new lobby is complete, Point Park will continue to have an entry on the Boulevard of the Allies. But its main entrance will be shifted to a small park at Third Avenue and Wood Street, DeYoung said.

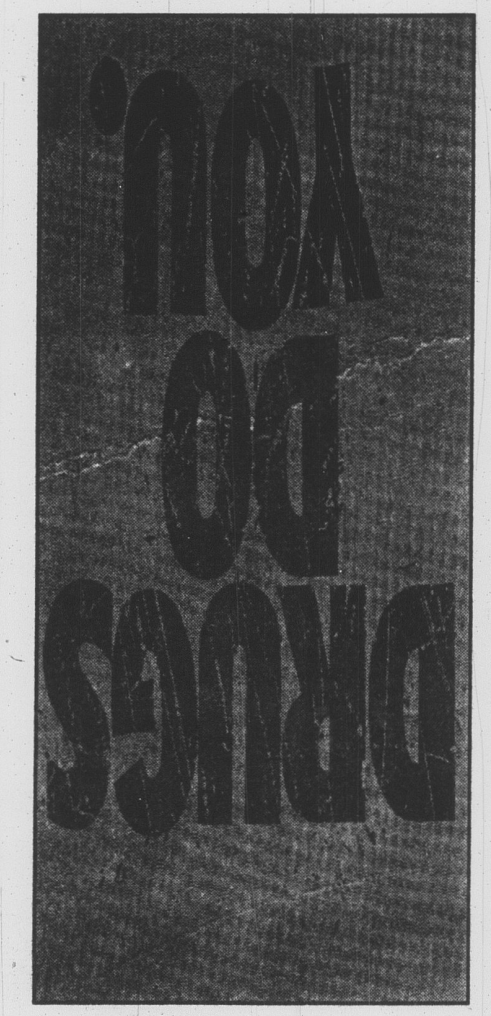
The new lobby's exterior will be made of limestone. Artwork hung inside will be accented with lighting.

The new lobby will be linked to an existing bridge over Wood Street. It will unify student areas in both buildings.

Point Park, whose enrollment has grown by 24 percent over the last three years to approximately 2,300, has said it wants to become a university. It embarked on a review of its interior space last year to see how much of its planned growth could be accommodated without acquiring extra space.

It is looking to add new dance studios, restore existing ones and upgrade aging student lounges. It has said at least six new classrooms will be needed to accommodate enrollment increases.

The college also has a tentative agreement to buy a piece of prime downtown real estate, a former gasoline station at Wood Street and the Boulevard of the Allies. The college intends to make it the site of new quarters for theater programs that now are housed in its landmark Playhouse, on Craft Avenue in Oakland.



NATIONAL

More evidence recovered for Zantop murder trial

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Knives found in the bedroom of one of the teen-agers accused of murdering two Dartmouth College professors were stained with blood matching one of the victims, according to court documents released Monday.

The two knives were found in a box in the bedroom of Robert Tulloch, 17, according to the prosecution documents.

Tulloch and James Parker, 16, both of Chelsea, Vt., are accused of fatally stabbing Half and Susanne Zantop in the professors' Hanover home on Jan. 27.

"On one knife, DNA consistent with Susanne Zantop was detected," the documents say. "On the second knife, DNA consistent with Susanne Zantop was detected, with a mixture of another source of DNA." The documents do not identify the source of the additional DNA.

An attorney for Tulloch did not immediately return a call seeking comment, but Doug Brown, a San Diego lawyer who represents the Parker family, said people should not make a judgment about the suspects until the evidence can be tested independently.

"It's incomprehensible and inconceivable that Jimmy Parker could have had anything to do with this crime," he said. "The nature of these documents does not undermine their confidence in the innocence of their son."

A judge released search warrants and other arrest information after prosecutors said they no longer would fight to keep the documents secret. Earlier this month, a judge released documents describing what led police to the suspects, who were arrested last month at an Indiana truck stop.

Parker bought the two knives over the Internet several weeks before the killings, the documents say. Investigators have said the boy's fingerprints were on a knife sheath found at the Zantop home.

Police also concluded that footprints inside and outside the Zantop home matched Tulloch's left boot, the documents said.

The papers released Monday also say that during a search of Tulloch's home Feb. 16 and Feb. 17, investigators saw "several documents including literature, school essays, and books, including 'Der Fuhrer,' which addressed the topics of Germany, Hitler and the inactivity of America during the Holocaust."

Police also saw literature "referencing the Ku Klux Klan" and violent computer games. Computers were seized from the homes of both boys.

Prosecutor William Delker said authorities do not consider the materials they found in Tulloch's home to be neo-Nazi materials, saying they were more akin to historical document than racist advocacy.

"There were no neo-Nazi materials or Holocaust revisionist materials found in his bedroom, or anywhere, for that matter," he said Monday.

Authorities have refused to speculate on any possible motive.

The day the German-born professors were murdered was Holocaust Remembrance Day in Germany. Friends have said the Zantops were politically active and believed strongly that Germany should face up to its past.

National Briefs

School shooting suspects set for arraignment

SAN DIEGO - The two students accused of opening fire on their high schools in suburban San Diego will be arraigned in the same court Monday afternoon. Andy Williams, 15, is accused of killing two classmates and wounding 13 other people in a March 5 rampage at Santana High School in Santee. Jason Hoffman, 18, faces several counts of attempted murder for his March 22 assault on the Granite Hills High School campus in El Cajon, less than seven miles from the Santana campus.

Teenage monk confesses to killing nun

MIAMI - An 18-year-old monk confessed to the slaying of a 39-year-old nun after her nude body was found stabbed and beaten at the Eastern Orthodox Church school, police said Monday. Mykhaylo Kofel, a Ukrainian belonging to the Byzantine Monastic Order of the Eastern Orthodox Church, was jailed without bail on charges of murder and burglary. Authorities said they did not know if the victim had been sexually assaulted.

Calif. regulator calls for 40% rate increase

SAN FRANCISCO - California's top power regulator on Monday proposed a 40% increase in electricity rates, saying it would encourage enough conservation to get the state through the summer. The higher rates could go into effect as early as Tuesday.

Nurse sentenced for killing patients at Va. hospital

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - A former veterans' hospital nurse who killed four patients with injections of poison was spared the death penalty Monday when a federal jury decided she should spend the rest of her life in prison. Kristen Gilbert, a 33-year-old mother of two, could have been sentenced to lethal injection and would have become the only woman on federal death row.

Prison Population increasing

WASHINGTON - The number of Americans in state prisons last year increased at the slowest rate since 1971, though the total number of people incarcerated in the United States remained at a record high in 2000, the Justice Department reported Sunday. As of June 2000, 1,931,859 people were in federal, state and local facilities, a 3% increase over June 1999. The increase was primarily in the number of people in federal prisons, researchers said.

Motorcycle fatalities on the rise

LOS ANGELES - After nearly a decade-long decline, motorcycle fatalities are on the rise again - and statistics show that aging baby boomers may be behind the increase. Motorcycle fatalities among riders 35 and older rose 59% between 1994 and 1999, while federal statistics show that deaths for those 34 and younger fell 22% during the same period, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Four charged in killing of Chicago teacher

CHICAGO - Four people were charged Monday with killing a high school teacher. One of those charged was the victim's own stepdaughter. Wardella Winchester was abducted March 16 when she left home to go to her job at Carver Military Academy on Chicago's South Side and later shot to death, police said. Winchester's stepdaughter, Dyanna Winchester, 19, was charged along with three men. The motive appears to have been retaliation for the theft of drugs and money from one of the men, allegedly by a member of Winchester's family, police said.

Five children killed in fire in Chicago

CHICAGO - Five children age 5 and under who had apparently been left alone were killed in an apartment fire, police said. Antoine Lee, the father of some of the children and stepfather of the rest, was charged with five counts of child endangerment, police said.

Recent aviation disasters leave U.S. military asking questions

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. military aviation suffered two hard blows Monday with the fatal crash of an Army plane in Germany and the disappearance - and apparent loss - of two Air Force fighter jets in Scotland. An Army RC-12, a twin-engine propeller aircraft used to detect, identify and locate enemy radar and electronic communications, crashed in a forest about eight miles from Nuremberg, killing the two pilots on board, Army spokeswoman Hilde Patton said from 5th Corps headquarters at Heidelberg.

German and American authorities at the scene were attempting to recover the pilots' remains from the crash scene, Patton said. There was no initial indication of what caused the crash.

At roughly the same time, the Air Force disclosed that two F-15C fighters were overdue on a return flight to their home base at Lakenheath in southern England after conducting low-level flight training in Scotland.

Several hours later the Air Force said there had been no word from the two F-15 pilots or any confirmation of their fate. The lack of communication suggested a strong possibility that they had crashed, officials said.

The two single-seat F-15s left Lakenheath around 12:30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. ET) for a three-hour sortie over the Scottish Highlands. The jets were over the Cairngorm Mountains in the Scottish Highlands when they lost contact with ground controllers at Lakenheath, 75 miles northeast of London, Lakenheath spokeswoman Maj. Stacee Bako said.

Air Force spokeswoman Capt. Almarah Belk at the Pentagon said a search and rescue mission had been launched from RAF Kinloss in Scotland. A Royal Air Force spokeswoman said two RAF Nimrod reconnaissance planes and three Sea King helicopters were searching, helped by two RAF mountain rescue teams on the ground.

Police in Aberdeen said they had no reports of any planes coming down.

With four peaks over 4,000 feet, including the 4,296-foot Ben Macdhui, the Cairngorms are Britain's loftiest mountain range. Weather in the Cairngorms for most of Monday afternoon was cold and bright with good visibility and light southerly winds, the Meteorological Office said. Snow and sleet were beginning to develop in the mountains.

It is unusual for more than one U.S. military plane to crash on the same day, but fatal training accidents are by no means rare. On March 3 an Army C-23 Sherpa crashed in Georgia, killing all 21 people on board, and on March 12 five American servicemen and one New Zealand army officer were killed when a U.S. Navy F/A-18 mistakenly hit them with bombs during training in Kuwait.

Statistics show that, overall, U.S. military aviation has become safer in recent years. For the fiscal year ended last Sept. 30, the military aviation accident rate was 1.23 per 100,000 flight hours - the lowest ever recorded. Fifty-eight service members were killed in aviation accidents that year, including one of the worst in years - a Marine Corps V-22 Osprey crash last April that killed all 19 Marines aboard.

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INTERNATIONAL

Kenyan school fire leaves 58 boys dead, 28 injured

MACHAKOS, Kenya (AP) - Fire swept through a crowded secondary school dormitory early Monday, killing 58 boys and seriously injuring another 28, police said.

"We have a strong suspicion of arson," police spokesman Peter Kimanthi said outside the charred walls of a dormitory at Kyanguli Secondary School near Machakos, a farming town 30 miles southeast of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

Kimanthi said 130 boys between the ages of 15 and 19 had been sleeping in the building. A padlock on one of the two doors and iron bars on the windows prevented escape through those routes, officials and students said.

Kimanthi said officials at the provincial school for boys smelled gasoline in the dormitory on Sunday, checked it but found nothing.

Mackenzie Waema, 19, a student who was sleeping in a second dormitory about 100 yards away said gasoline had been spread throughout the other building, and it was burning in the center of the dormitory when he was awoken by screams and pounding noises.

Waema said student-teacher hostility could be a possible motive.

"There was a misunderstanding between the administration and the students. They (the students) had grudges," he said. "That could have brought this calamity," he said. There were unconfirmed reports that a student was seen running from the dormitory shortly before the fire broke out.

Police struggled to keep a crowd of several thousand away from the dormitory built of blocks of volcanic material. The corrugated iron roof, which had been supported by wooden thrusts, collapsed shortly after the fire broke out.

Looking through the building's 10 windows, all of which were covered by iron bars, reporters counted 48 bunk beds in a building that measures about 132 feet by 50 feet. No school officials were available to comment how 96 beds could accommodate 130 boys.

Waema said one of the dormitory's two doors was always kept open; the other was padlocked. Those who managed to escape the fire did so through the open door. The flames in the middle of the building prevented those at the other end where the door was locked from getting out.

Provincial police commanding officer Wellington Choka said the fire was reported at 1:40 a.m., 20 minutes after it had broken out.

He said the fire brigade had not been summoned, and police using the school's garden hoses as well as the heavy rain eventually put out the fire.

Most of Kenya's secondary school students attend boarding schools, either government-run or private. Disputes over mishandling of school funds, lack of facilities and quality of food and accommodation are common.

It is not uncommon for boarding school students to wreck buildings and classrooms to protest corruption among school officials whom they accuse of stealing money.

In March 1998, more than 20 girls burned to death in a secondary school fire near Kenya's Indian Ocean port of Mombasa. They had been locked inside the school by the management.

On March 5, a fire caused by an overturned kerosene lantern killed 23 girls sleeping in the locked dormitory of a school in northern Nigeria.

Weird News

Tick tock

LINCOLN, Neb. - Post Office employees weren't taking any chances when they heard a ticking sound coming from a package. They called 911 and police closed off the streets leading to the building. Fire Investigator Jack Bruns, a bomb technician who responded to the scene, said he knew immediately what he had on his hands - a motorized Tonka toy truck that was accidentally turned on in the process of being mailed. "I've got so many grandkids and I've bought so many toys like that I recognized the sound," Bruns said.

That wasn't on the wedding registry

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia - The bride and groom had just said their "I do's" at their cowboy-themed wedding when three well-wishers fired a celebratory round from their pistols and a bullet went awry. TV Markiza said a shot lodged in the ankle of the bride. She spent much of the first two hours of her married life undergoing surgery. The bride, identified only by her first name Tereza, said her foot was ""healing just fine."

The spirit of competition flourishes in Texas

HOUSTON - Houston officials just couldn't bear to build a multimillion-dollar hotel on Dallas Street, so instead of giving free publicity to the competition they're renaming part of the street. The city revealed plans for a 24-story hotel next to an enlarged George R. Brown Convention Center. Under the current grid, the hotel would have a Dallas Street address. But once thoroughfares on the east side of downtown are rerouted, the city plans to rename the street in front of the hotel to make it part of nearby Lamar Street. "We don't need to give our competition any publicity," said city spokesman Jordy Tollett.

Belted out of school

CHALMETTE, La. - The American Civil Liberties Union has donated six belts to a high school that pulled a student out of class for not wearing one. The action against 17-year-old Cassiday Perry was not worth taking to court, said ACLU director Joe Cook. But he said the punishment was so ridiculous the ACLU wanted to publicize it. The school dress code requires belts for skirts or pants with belt loops. Violators can have someone bring a belt from home. The office has 20 belts that it rents for a quarter, but it had run out of belts when Perry needed one. Perry's father worked too far away from school to help her out.

International Briefs

Palestinian gunmen kill baby girl

HEBRON, West Bank - Palestinian gunmen shot and killed a 10-month-old Jewish girl in the arms of her father on Monday in what the Israeli army said was a sniper attack in a heavily guarded enclave in the West Bank city of Hebron. The girl was hit in the head in front of the family's home; the father was seriously wounded.

Macedonian forces launch major offensive

TETOVO, Macedonia - Macedonian forces dug in overnight Monday and vowed that their offensive against ethnic Albanian insurgents would continue until the rebels were driven out of Macedonia. The infantry punched through rebel positions Sunday in the hills just outside Tetovo, Macedonia's second-largest city, spraying houses with bullets and forcing the guerrillas to pull back.

Demolished statues of Buddhas seen by foreigners

BAMIYAN, Afghanistan - Taliban officials on Monday showed off their destruction of two ancient statues by taking foreigners to the Bamiyan mountainside where the relics were blasted apart, prompting worldwide criticism. All that remained of the two towering sandstone statues of Buddha that had been carved in the mountainside in the 3rd and 5th centuries were chunks of rubble.

Nuclear waste en route to Germany

VALOGNES, France - A train carrying nuclear waste left France early Monday en route to Germany as authorities on both sides of the border braced for angry protests by anti-nuclear activists. Protesters have called for rail blockades to disrupt the shipment, the first since 1998. The shipment contains six sealed containers of nuclear waste and is heading to a storage site in Gorleben, in northern Germany.

U.S., Asian leaders discuss N. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea - U.S., Japanese and South Korean officials met Monday to coordinate their policy on North Korea. amid growing concern in South Korea that the new American stance on the North might derail their own engagement with Pyongyang. During talks with South Korean President Kim Dae-jung in Washington earlier this month, Bush said he was skeptical of North Korea and would not immediately resume talks on the communist country's missile program.

Trains collide in Algeria, killing seven

ALGIERS, Algeria - Two trains collided in western Algeria this weekend, killing seven people and injuring nearly 60 others, the official news agency APS reported Monday. Six people were killed on impact in the crash Sunday between a passenger train and a freight train in the city of Mohammadia. A 63-year-old woman died Monday after being admitted to the hospital in serious condition; fifty-eight others were injured.

New budget may put Japan's Mori at risk

TOKYO - Parliament passed the country's new budget Monday in a move that was expected to intensify backroom dealings in the governing coalition to find a successor for Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori. In the year since taking office, Mori has done little to help the nation's struggling economy.

Saudi Arabia bans Pokemon to protect youth

.DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) - Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority has issued an edict banning Pokemon games and cards, saying they have "possessed the minds" of children, promote Zionism and involve gambling.

Saudi Arabia's Higher Committee for Scientific Research and Islamic Law issued the fatwa, or religious ruling, over the weekend.

It said the video game and cards have symbols that include "the Star of David, which everyone knows is connected to international Zionism and is Israel's national emblem, as well as being the first symbol of the Freemasons."

The game also has Christian crosses and symbols of Japan's Shintoism, which is based on the belief in more than one god, the edict said.

The Pokemon phenomenon originated in Japan three years ago as a Nintendo video game. It quickly expanded into cartoons, comic books and trading cards, becoming a multibillion dollar enterprise and enjoying enormous popularity worldwide.

In Tokyo Monday, a Nintendo spokesman speaking on condition of anonymity denied that religious symbols are depicted on the Pokemon items.

The card game involves a host of imaginary creatures, each with their own set of special powers. The goal is to win as many cards as possible.

The Saudi edict said that is tantamount to gambling, which is banned in Islam.

Pokemon "has possessed the minds of a large chunk of our students, captivated their hearts and became their preoccupation. (They) spend all their money to buy the cards and compete with each other to win more."

Many schools in the United States have banned the trading cards because they are distracting youngsters from their studies.

The game has been criticized in several countries, with a Christian church in Mexico calling it "demonic," and organizations in Slovakia saying television shows based on the game were detrimental to children.

SPORTS

Titan softball anticipates great season

By Jamie Reddinger
COPY EDITOR

After a season of knocking on the door of NCAA Division II softball in 2000, the Lady Titan softball team is looking to kick the door down in the PAC this season.

"I think it will be an awesome season," senior designated hitter Missa Bajus said. "We have a great schedule and have been working very hard at practice."

The 2001 roster consists of Bajus and fellow seniors Courtney Behm, Bethany Pinkerton and Jamie Reddinger; juniors Monica Dunn, Katie Horgan, Kristie Perrotte, Jaime Sell and Renee Tappe; sophomores Emily Henry, Jen Petures, Julie Purvis, Amy Putas, Laura Raible and Darcy Sutton; and freshmen McKenzie Crowell, Rachel Lawrence and Julie Zappa.

During spring break, while people sunned themselves at the beach or sat at home relaxing, the Lady Titans went 7-3 at the Rebel Games in Orlando, Florida. The team fell short of their goal of a 9-1 Florida record, but they remain optimistic about the rest of the season.

"Despite falling short of the first goal, we have an extremely talented team that loves the challenges we are faced with," Putas said. "It's still early in the season and we have other goals that need to be accomplished."

The Lady Titans returned home to split with Clarion March 20, winning the first game 1-0 but losing the next 2-1. Pinkerton pitched a one-hitter for her second shutout of the season and the 18th of her collegiate career, walking one batter and striking out seven in the win. The lone Lady Titan run came in the bottom of the sixth inning, as Pinkerton and Bajus opened the frame with back-to-back singles, followed by an RBI single by Sutton.

The Lady Titans loaded the bases with no one out in the first inning of game two, but came away with only one run. Clarion rallied with RBI triples in the second and fourth frames to clinch the split. Purvis took the pitching loss, falling to 2-2 after allowing two runs on seven hits with two walks and one strikeout. She helped her own cause by going 2-for-3 at the plate.

The Lady Titans' next home game against Geneva was rescheduled for March 31, leaving the team plenty of practice time to prepare for the Shippensburg University Invitational March 23-25, where they went 3-2 for the weekend and improved their record to 11-6 on the season.

The Lady Titans gave up a run early to the Shippensburg Lady Raiders in the first inning during their game on Friday, but the Lady Titans rallied later with two unearned runs of their own for the non-conference win. Purvis scored on a Shippensburg error, while Horgan added a run on a passed ball.

Pinkerton improved to 4-2 with the pitching victory, allowing one unearned run on two hits with two walks while striking out six. The Lady Titans won despite being limited to just two hits. Dunn doubled in the win, while Horgan added a single.

Game one on Saturday saw Sutton suffer her first pitching loss of the season, falling to 3-1 after giving up six runs on 11 hits. The Lady Titans were limited to just one hit in the loss, a single by Horgan. The lone run for Westminster came when Pinkerton reach on an error and scored on a fielder's choice groundout by Putas.

Pinkerton was the star of the nightcap against Edinboro, limiting the Lady Scots to just one hit with nine strikeouts. It was her second one-hitter of the season, her third shutout of the year and the 19th shutout of her Westminster career. Pinkerton also helped her own cause at the plate, going 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Dunn was 3-for-5 with a double and three RBIs, while Horgan was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Perrotte added the other RBI for the Lady Titans.

Westminster opened the single-elimination round with a 3-0 shutout of Mercyhurst before falling to IUP 3-0 in game two.

Game one saw Sutton improve to 4-1 on the year with her first shutout on the season, allowing just two hits with no walks and three strikeouts. She also helped her own cause at the plate, going 2-for-2 with a pair of doubles and an RBI. Raible added a two-run homer for the Lady Titans, her first of the season, while going 2-for-3 at the plate.

In the nightcap, Westminster and IUP played six scoreless innings before the Indians scored three times in the top of the seventh to claim the win. Pinkerton took the pitching loss for the Lady Titans, falling to 5-3 after allowing three runs on eight hits with no walks and five strikeouts. Bajus led the Westminster offense, going 2-for-3 at the plate.

When asked what she thought about the season, Zappa said, "I'm quite optimistic about the season ahead of us. There are a lot of great ballplayers and we should have a great season."

The Lady Titans host Edinboro March 28 at 3 p.m.

Sporks this week

Friday, 3/30/01
Golf at Malone - 11 a.m.

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Track & Field at Slippery Rock Open

BASEBALL VS. WASH. & JEFF.* - 1 p.m.

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Golf at Malone - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, 4/1/01
Baseball at Washington & Jefferson* - 1 p.m.

Monday, 4/2/01
Men's Tennis at Youngstown State - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, 4/3/01
Baseball at Hilbert - 2 p.m.

Softball at Bethany* - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 4/4/01 Men's Golf - at Grove City - 3 p.m.

Thursday, 4/5/01 - Softball At Allegheny - 3 p.m.

Home events in all CAPS

*** - PAC contest**

NCAA Final Four games

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The teams headed to Minneapolis include two preseason number ones (Arizona and Duke), the defending champions (Michigan State), and a newcomer (Maryland). The following is a summary of the four teams left in March Madness with my prediction as to who will come out on top.

ARIZONA WILDCATS

Arizona goes into Saturday's game against Michigan State with a 27-7 record (14-3 in the Pac 10). The 'Cats started the season on a bad note, losing four of seven.

Arizona is a big, athletic team. Its starting five all average double figures in points and the team has been playing exceptional basketball lately. Unfortunately, they have shown some inconsistencies over the season and they are not very deep. They are prone to turnovers and cold spells in shooting. They have enough to beat Michigan State in the semis, but I think Duke will be too much for them in the finals.

DUKE BLUE DEVILS

The Blue Devils were considered the tournament favorite coming in and have met peoples' expectations. Sophomore Jason Williams, a first team All-American during the season, has actually improved his game in the tournament, averaging 28.8 points per game. Shane Battier, also a first team All-American, has had four straight 20-point, 10-rebound efforts. The Blue Devils are coming into the Final Four with a 33-4 record (16-3 in the ACC).

Their strengths are undoubtedly the All-Americans, but Duke can shoot three-pointers, run and defend as well as, or better than, any team in the country. The Blue Devils need a good balance in the Final Four and a big game from Boozer or Duhon against ACC rival Maryland. My feeling is that they will win a close one against Maryland and beat Arizona for the title.

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

Maryland is a solid team, but history is not on its side. Since 1980, nine schools have made their first Final Four trip. Only one won a national championship, Connecticut in 1999. Of the others, only Seton Hall (1989) advanced as far as the title game.

They have beaten the Devils once, and lost only by a buzzer-beater one game and the miracle rally the other. And center Lonny Baxter has been incredible, averaging 25 points and 10 rebounds in the regionals. Their record is 25-10 overall (11-7 in the ACC), showing that they are a hot-and-cold team.

For Maryland, they have experience, depth and size. Scoring isn't a problem with four 1,000-point career scorers in the starting lineup, led by star guard Juan Dixon and center Lonny Baxter. Unfortunately for the Terps, they can be inconsistent from three-point range, although they exploded from beyond the arc against Stanford. In the finals, where every game can be the last, I see Duke pulling off a close game and beating Maryland in the semis.

MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

Michigan State became only the fifth team to advance to the Final Four despite playing three double-digit seeds since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985 — Arizona ('97), North Carolina ('91), UNLV ('90) and Arkansas ('90). Of those, Arizona and UNLV won a national championship. The Spartans will try to become the first team to repeat as national champions since Duke back in 1991 and '92. They are making their 15th NCAA appearance and third straight Final Four trip.

While they are the defending champs, Arizona is tough and should pull out a win over the Spartans in the semis.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

STAMPER & STALEY 15 Minutes

Biff Henderson

15 Minutes is an interesting movie because it changes about every 15 minutes. However, the movie didn't gets its name because of swift, surprising, plot twists; *15 Minutes* got its name from a popular Andy Warhol quote, "In the future, everyone will be world famous for fifteen minutes."

In this movie, world-famous-wanna-be's are Emil (Karel Rodin) from Czechoslovakia and Oleg (Oleg Taktarov) from Russia. They enter America in order to reclaim money from an old friend. This old friend admits that he has spent the money; consequently, Emil kills him and his wife in a rage. Oleg, who has stolen a video camera, tapes both murders.

Not sure how to get out of such a mess, Emil decides to hunt the famous homicide investigator on his case, Eddie Flemming (Robert DeNiro.) Emil feels that if he can kill Flemming on tape and plead insanity, he'll be spared a sentence. After all, he thinks, no sane person would tape a murder. Then, he plans to sell the book and movie rights of his story for a fortune. Emil is convinced he can get away with anything in America after watching a few talk shows, and Oleg follows Emil because he wants to make a movie.

The obstacle for these criminals is Flemming's co-worker, arson investigator Jordy Warsaw (Edward Burns.) He becomes involved because Emil sets fires to cover up his first his killing. Warsaw pays attention to details, and eventually finds the female witness Daphne (Vera Farmiga) who may be able to put Emil behind bars.

15 Minutes builds many elements together: action, suspense, romance, psychological thrills, and special effects. The pairing of Burns and DeNiro is magnetic. The tension between them grows into a significant tie. Similarly, the pairing of Rodin and Taktarov offers occasional comic relief and much chaotic intensity. Overall, however, these four characters have strong-screen presence and intricately developed characters. Whether the camera captures DeNiro's wrinkled forehead, Burns's greasy hair, Rodin's scruffy face, of Taktarov's clear eyes, it attaches to these actors dramatically.

Although the female characters have small roles, their impact is striking. As Nicolette Karas, Melina Kanakaredes portrays both a determined, committed newsperson as well as Flemming's sensitive girlfriend. Also, Farmiga embodies the juxtaposition of boldness and intimidation as a witness to Emil's first murder and an illegal immigrant.

Director and scriptwriter John Herzfeld deserves a tremendous applause for his creative vision in *15 Minutes*. Camera shots are executed with great precision, Herzfeld includes footage in the perspective of Oleg's hand-held camera. Also, he uses a lot of symbolism, combining cheap talk shows, the Statue of Liberty, and murder. Herzfeld's message warns America not to let money and psychological excuses outweigh integrity. Herzfeld balances the drama of 15 Minutes with humor that is usually tasteful.

Overall, *15 Minutes* is a well-constructed suspense movie that will keep viewers entertained, interested, and thoughtful. It takes about 15 minutes to get to a theater from Westminster College; make the short trip and see *15 Minutes*.

Joseph Stamper

Okay, I admit the movie is slow, sadistic and farfetched. Most of the people I know here (at Westminster) will not like it, but then again most of the people I know here drink Milwaukee's Best and wear shorts when it's only 40 degrees outside. The point is, I don't care what anybody says, I like this movie because it is original.

15 Minutes, as in 15 minutes of fame, is an original flick about two bank robbers from Eastern Europe. After being released from prison, Oleg (Oleg Taktarov) and Emil (Karel Roden) come to the United States to collect the money from their last job only to find their partner has gone straight and the money has long been spent. In a fit of rage, Oleg kills their partner and his wife. Here is the twist: Emil is a movie buff and wanna be film star who is taping the trip. He gets the slayings on film.

The most famous detective in New York, Eddie Flemming (Robert De Niro) somehow lands the case. Some of you may be asking, "What's so original about that?" Well bear with me.

Emil and Oleg are low on cash and down on their luck, so what do they do? Instead of robbing another bank or becoming drug dealers or jacking cars, they get drunk and watch Springer. On the particular episode of Springer they are watching there is a man who beat his criminal charges by claiming temporary insanity, and got rich from book and movie rights. The pair decided that if a "dumb American" can do it, so can they. After all, how insane would someone have to be to tape his or her killing spree? The pair also decide that their movie and book rights would be worth more if they had a famous victim and it just so happens that one of the most famous detectives in the country is hot on their trail.

Stamper's Four Corner Breakdown

Date Movie- 4

If you took a date to this movie, he or she would probably fall asleep. None of the romance or sexual tension in the film has a happy ending. Players Tip: It is important to pick good date movies at the beginning of a relationship. Guys, if you pick a couple bad movies in a row, your credibility is ruined forever...you'll be stuck watching chick flicks for the duration of the relationship.

Special FX- 6

Lots of things blow up, and a few people are shot and maimed. You know the usual "Dirty Harry" type stuff. One plus, some parts of the film are shown through the lens of Emil's camera. It's not all crazy and shaking like that "Blair Witch" BS. It was a good tactic on the part of director John Herzfeld; it breaks up the monotony of the film.

Star Power- 6

De Niro, usually a box office draw, does nothing for *15 Minutes*. The drop in his stock is due to the limited variety of his roles. I don't remember the last time De Niro was in a movie and his character's profession didn't require a gun. Despite the fact that we've seen similar characters from him before, he played a likeable alcoholic and superstar detective in this film. Frasier's Kelsey Grammer plays a television tabloid journalist who will stop at nothing for ratings. There is something about Grammer; he just looks like somebody I would hate, so he plays the role perfectly. Writer/director/actor Edward Burns plays the real hero in the flick as Eddy Flemming's understudy Jordy Warsaw, who wants the spotlight for himself.

Plot- 8

15 Minutes has numerous twists and turns. Whereas in most flicks one can pretty much predict the outcome of the movie within the first 20 minutes, if not by the previews, this *15 Minutes* really keeps the audience in the dark about what will happen next. Sure, some of the content seems outlandish, but it's all firmly rooted in reality and phenomenons of modern society. If the movie didn't develop so slowly, it would have received a 10 in the plot category.

Overall- Wait for the Video

Is it a good movie? Yes. Is it exciting enough to pay eight bucks for? I don't know. People might be better off waiting till it hits the dollar theatre. I have a feeling its life in the eight-dollar movie houses will be short-lived.

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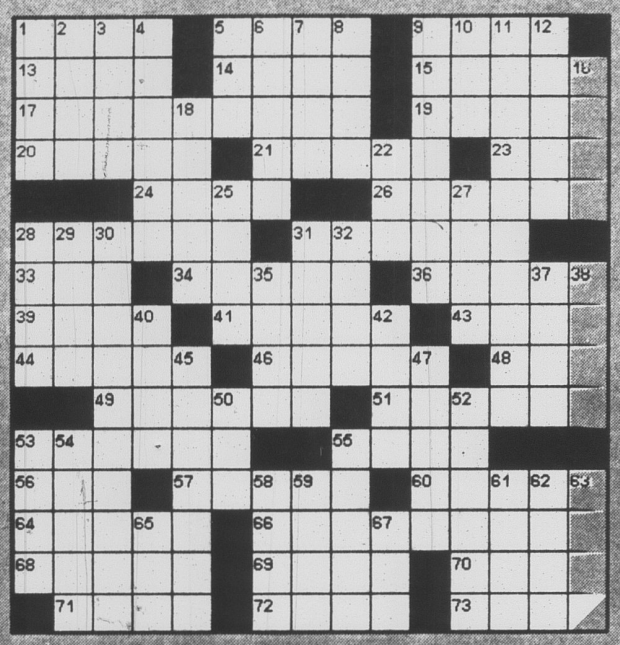

Across

1 Late mate of Entwistle
5 Chick who could really play the drums
9 "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?" singer
13 Before
14 First Best Actor winner ___ Jannings
15 Take ___ (stumble)
17 "2112" drummer
19 Key ___ (island mentioned in "Kokomo")
20 She portrayed Loretta
21 Guesser's statement
23 Bon Jovi's "Living in ___"
24 Sung, perhaps
26 "___ from cages out on Highway nine..." (Springsteen lyric)
28 Tracy Chapman's "If ___"
31 "I will sail my ___..." (Garth Brooks line)
33 "___ Blue?"
34 Held onto, as a concert ticket
36 Paul Simon once wrote her a theme song
39 Way in the woods
41 Drummer with an "All-Star Band"
43 Location
44 It draws you to the kitchen
46 Liv Tyler's pop
48 They've given Vince Gill many awards
49 Shane MacGowan led them
51 Jazz/blues vocalist Phillips
53 Patty Loveless, to Crystal Gayle
55 About
56 "A Chorus Line" number
57 Start of a title for Willie and Julio
60 Big ___ Dynamite
64 Home country of African pop star Joseph Kamaru
66 He started playing drums in vaudeville shows at age 18 months
68 Yankovic hit
69 Radar screen sound
70 Place for Adam
71 Eubanks plays on his show
72 Microbrews, frequently
73 Teenage Fanclub's "What You ___ Me"

Down

1 "___ Temptation" (Gene Chandler hit)
2 "The ___ Love" (R.E.M. tune)
3 "(Sittin' on) the Dock of the Bay" name
4 They couldn't live without your love and affection ___
5 Small, to The Proclaimers
6 Kind of address
7 Everly Brothers hit "___ Dog"
8 Diner orders
9 Mighty Sparrow's music
10 "Son ___ Preacher Man"
11 Drummer who testified before congress in the Napster hearings
12 NBA great ___ Baylor
16 "Here Comes the Judge" singer Shorty ___
18 Porno for ___
22 Rude type
25 "No one wins, it's ___ of men" (Neil Young line)
27 Members of Sonny Bono's party: abbr.
28 California valley
29 Blues group ___ & the Howlers
30 Late percussionist called "The King of Mambo"
31 Talks about work, maybe
32 U2 bandmember
35 Woodworking tool
37 John Lennon's "Look ___"
38 Catch the music
40 Drs. belong to them
42 Roy Orbison's "It's ___"
45 Quickly and excitedly, in music
47 "Billboard" piece, maybe
50 Numero ___ (Ricky Martin's spot on the charts, sometimes)
52 Employed roadies
53 Subject of a Clapton hit
54 NBA star who released a 1996 best-of rap album
55 Song that brings it all back
58 Winners at the 1974 Eurovision contest
59 Break in activity
61 She wants to thank you
62 Tracy Morrow, to the world
63 Commodores classic
65 Yang's counterpart
67 Baseball two-outers: abbr.

HOROSCOPES

RIES

You can turn your ideas into cash if you are willing to work hard. People will be interested in supporting your efforts. Don't misinterpret their interest in you.

TURUS

This week's scenario is highlighted by your ability to keep a positive flow. Use your own initiative. Waiting for others will be a waste of time.

GEMINI

Develop one of your unique ideas, talk to those who might be able to contribute to your efforts. Confusion about money or a joint venture will leave you feeling upset. Don't stretch the truth; you may get blamed for something you didn't do.

CNCER

Don't hesitate to be a little aggressive. It may put a spark back into your personal life. You mustn't dwell on situations that don't involve your loved ones.

LEO

Don't let anyone stand in the way of your success. Do your own research and don't leave anything to chance. Follow through with your plans and don't overlook any details. Check your options and re-evaluate your motives.

VIRGO

You will feel much more comfortable in social settings if you know your work is up to date. It's time to take control of your life and your appearance.

LIBR

You may have to spread yourself a little thin, but it will be worth it in the long run. Stress will cause fatigue. You can achieve much if you are willing to direct your attention toward your hobbies or self-improvement projects

SCORPIO

By week's end, pleasurable activities should be on your dance card. Your relatives will be more helpful than you ever thought possible. Sit back and listen.

SGITTRIUS

This week's scenario is highlighted by your ability to believe in yourself and your work. Do so and others will follow you. You'll meet some new interesting people, present your ideas to them.

CPRICORN

Go after your goals. Get together with friends and you will find out something about someone from your past. Don't take on too much or make promises to family members that you know you can't keep.

QURIUS

Secret affairs will only cause complications in your life. Try not to become too involved in other people's private doings. Don't confide in your peers.

PISCES

Accept the inevitable and prepare yourself to make the necessary adjustments. Expect delays if you are not organized and ready to roll. Keep your thoughts to yourself. Don't believe everything you hear.

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Rant and Rant

It's cool that the school opens up to high school students. But do it on a weekend. I can't study with all this racket going on.

Why do most people on this campus and in general find it so hard to be themselves? That's this campus' biggest problem...fake people.

Is it possible for anyone to get a low fat meal at this school? Eating salads everyday is no way to live.

Please WD-40 all door hinges on campus. My ears bleed everytime I enter and exit a building.

Since the move to Division III the school seems so much cleaner.

The giant wooden bird in the TUB should be in the NEW TUB! Kudos to the carpenters!

Those windows in the TUB sure are clean!

How about the new DMX movie? Can you hear the Oscar buzz?

Why is it that people in Browne Hall have to listen to the alarmed doors so much? Are there people out there that find this in some way funny? I guess it is a little amusing knowing that the Resident life Staff isn't getting paid just to sit in their rooms. Haha.

I like how the RA's in Eich. are not sticklers for the rules, especially quiet hours.

Can the RA's actually start to enforce quiet hours in Eich.? Quiet hours start at 10, not 2!

Why don't all the classrooms have dry erase boards? C'mon - blast into the 21st century.

It's a sad day when some theater majors get preference over nonmajors for roles, when ability is the most important quality, not someone's major.

I love the salad instead of fries concept at the TUB. It encourages students to have healthier eating habits.

Why are there random breaks between meals?

Security needs to spend more time "fighting crime" then giving out parking tickets!

Why is it snowing in March? I hate New Wilmington weather!

Sometimes people who try to fix the problem should first realize they are the problem.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Rant 'n Rave column is strictly the opinions of the students. However, due to space, some entries may not make it in every week. Also, submissions that are slanderous in nature or have vulgar language will not be published in *The Holcad*.

YOUR VIEW: Cement Lake

The response of the students to the recent announcement by the administration that each student should donate a bag of dry cement to the school in order to fill in the lake and create a parking lot is well founded.

Students are enraged because they feel they already give enough money to the school and shouldn't feel pressured to donate any more. While a bag of dry cement may not be as costly as some of the recent tuition hikes, this issue is causing more controversy and outright student rioting than any announcement in Westminster history.

S.A.V.E. is planning a protest refusing to go to class until this decision is repealed. They think the lake is a beautiful landmark on this campus. Other concerns address the pollution the extra cars to be parked on the former lake will cause.

Students currently enrolled in fishing as their physical education class are left wondering where they will practice their casting. Several can be seen already on the quad snagging their lines on trees and passing students.

Townsfolk as well are upset that their favorite swimming hole and source of food during open fishing season will no longer be available for themselves and their children. While the college may not consider the myriad of freed goldfish and discarded electrical appliances resting on the bottom of the lake to be an important source of income, to some, Lake Brittain is their only livelihood.

Students and locals alike banded together in protest last week when they

CHEESE

attempted to demonstrate what would be displaced should the lake be filled in. Both Ferguson and Shaw parking lots were filled with mutilated lake creatures, algae, and other various assorted items they had dragged from the bottom of the lake. Following this powerful statement, the protestors attempted to chain themselves to the lake-unsuccessfully.

In the college's defense, however, they have directly addressed the parking problem. While many students may miss jumping into the lake for a quick bath, soon the lake will be forgotten as students nestle their Hondas and Jettas into the newly finished and wonderfully accessible "Brittain Lot."

It has been suggested that this new parking lot will also feature valet parking and AAA assistance. For only an additional $5, students may park in the covered portion of the lot where their vehicle will be washed, waxed and guarded for the duration of its stay.

These services, of course, can be offered at such a low cost only due to the pending donations of the dry cement. It is hoped that negotiations between students and the administration will continue in a more peaceful fashion and that each side will be given a chance to air its views before the lake fill-in date arrives.

In the future, the administration promises to give at least a two-week notice when asking for student donations for the betterment of the campus.

In other news...April Fools'!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in reply to Matthew Lauffer's letter. I thought his points were sorely needed and written in a way that didn't offend or upset. I understand his views.

When I first came to Westminster, I was overwhelmed by the ratio of Greek to non-Greek students, as well as the unspoken importance placed on "belonging" to a particular group. Most of my friends here belong to an organization whether it is a fraternity, sorority, SGA, SAA, CPC, or Seekers, and I commend them. I believe being involved on campus is a vital part of a college experience. It's a great way to meet people and improve conditions at Westminster.

I do realize, however, how difficult it is when one feels he is not accepted in a group. I knew at a young age what it felt like to be rejected and lonely. But, I also know what it means to be part of a group. I was in academic groups in high school, and am now an active member of my sorority.

I think the only way to bridge this "rift" between, as Matt said, "students who feel they are in" and "those who feel they are not" is if both groups make a conscience effort to change their preconceived opinions of the other. Those who go home every weekend and remain reclusive in their dorms need to stop being intimidated and start getting involved. We are not that scary! It is okay to watch movies and stay in on weekends at times, but make an effort! On the other hand, for those who are in social or academic groups, if there are students who feel less accepted by us, then we need to take a hard look at ourselves. Maybe some of us need to stop acting so important and start reaching out to those who may be less social than ourselves. Perhaps if both groups change their attitudes towards each other, the rifts would begin to close. I know I would like to see that happen and I believe if we all work at it, it will.

Sincerely,

Rachel E. Lange

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Meredith Etcher's article on the *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition*. As a woman, I do not think that there is anything wrong with an upstanding magazine publishing an edition such as this. First, we have to realize that money talks... And I'm sure it spoke loudly to the editor of *Sports Illustrated*, not to mention it is a tradition. Secondly, it is NOT soft porn. These women are not nude. They wear swimsuits, just as they do in *Cosmo, Glamour,* or any other women's magazine. Women who subscribe to Sports Illustrated may consider that portion of that issue a fashion spread. Why not? Thirdly, we can yell at men for brazenly objectifying our bodies, but no one forced those women to do that photo shoot. Many women's jobs are to be swimsuit models. If a woman chooses to flaunt her body tastefully, there is nothing wrong with that, in fact we should respect them. Those women are brave and confident...and just got a big paycheck.

Sincerely,

Sara Bozich

April Fools' Contest Rules

Throughout the paper are 25 carefully calculated mistakes. The first one to find the correct 25 mistakes will win a Westminster sweatshirt of their choosing. If no one finds all 25 mistakes the winner will be the one who gets the most. Please email the mistakes to holcad@westminster.edu along with your extension. The winner will be notified as soon as a winner is known.

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National Alcohol Screening Day to be held on April 5

Quarters, three man, beer pong, anchorman - for some, drinking games are an integral part of the college experience. However, students who participate in games that promote binge drinking can risk more than losing just a game - they can lose their lives.

National Alcohol Screening Day, held at Westminster College on April 5, 2001, offers students the opportunity to fill out a brief self-assessment form asking about drinking habits and if their behaviors have changed as a result of their drinking. In addition to taking the anonymous, written self-test, students will hear an educational presentation on alcohol problems, and have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with a health professional and, if appropriate, will be directed to services on campus or in the community for further evaluation. Screenings will be held in the TUB from 10 am - 4 pm.

Although statistics indicate that college drinking is down from a decade ago, recent studies show that frequent binge drinking - defined as drinking five or more drinks in one sitting for men, four for women, three or more times in a two-week period - has increased over the past ten years.

According to Babs Quincy, College Counselor, "The purpose of National Alcohol Screening Day is to educate students about alcohol problems. National Alcohol Screening Day accomplishes this by teaching students how to recognize a drinking problem, where you can go for help if you are concerned about yourself or a friend, and the long term effects of alcohol on your mind and body."

"Drinking during the college years is often seen as a rite of passage, but it can lead to more than a nasty hangover. Binge drinking can result in disciplinary problems, poor academic performance, property damage, risky sexual behavior, physical injury, illness and even death. To address this issue, NASD 2001 will help students learn to recognize an alcohol problem in themselves or someone they care about - and find out where they can go to get help," said John Lechner, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

In 1999, a study conducted by the Harvard School of Public health reported that two of five students (44%) were binge drinkers. NASD teaches students how to recognize an alcohol problem. Signs of an alcohol problem include:

* Drinking to calm nerves, forget worries or boost a sad mood.
* Guilt about drinking.
* Unsuccessful attempts to cut down/stop drinking.
* Lying about or hiding drinking habits.
* Causing harm to oneself or someone else as a result of drinking.
* Needing to drink increasingly greater amounts in order to achieve desired effect.
* Feeling irritable, resentful or unreasonable when not drinking.
* Medical, social, family or financial problems caused by drinking.

National Alcohol Screening Day is a program of the nonprofit Screening for Mental Health (SMH) in collaboration with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. For additional information about alcohol or the screening program, visit www.mentalhealthscreening.org.

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We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring Me Me Me Me Me Me Me Me Me Me Me Me Me

For this April Fool's Day edition, we offered a contest to reverse the norm and asked that you interview me. Heidi Krieger is the student winner. Dr. Betsy Ford is the faculty/staff winner.

I included the normal background information and then answered Heidi and Betsy's questions.

Name: Sara Louise Bozich
Hometown: Lewisberry, PA (near Harrisburg-the capitol)
Nickname: "For the first time in my life I have one: "Bird." But please call me Sara."
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Major: Individual Interdisciplinary Communications:
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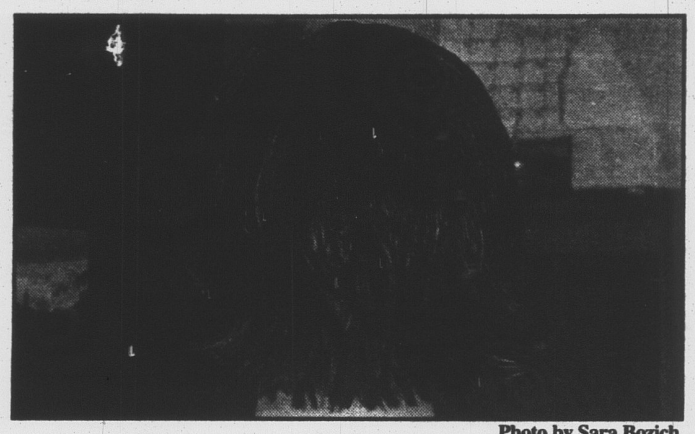

Photo by Sara Bozich

Sara Bozich

Interview with Heidi Krieger

HK: What will your first house look like and what will be in the garden?

Bozich: My first house will be wooden, two floors, with a wrap-around deck or porch on it. Lots and lots of windows. The garden will have tomatoes, cucumbers, spinach and maybe some herbs b/c they're easy. If I'm lucky, I'll get my mom to come plant some pretty flowers. She's got a green thumb.

HK: Where is your favorite place to eat brunch on Saturday and why?

Bozich: Isaly's. You know that. I like Rusty (owner), my waitress (you), and the small-town folk. Oh and Chris is a great cook. He makes the best pancakes.

HK: The number for the flower shop in New Wilmington is 946-2449. What kind of flowers should your boyfriend send you?

Bozich: Well he sent me roses for Valentine's Day. He's very good with that. I think a mixed bouquet with some yellow flowers and white flowers and maybe some pink flowers. I don't know flowers very much. What are those fuzzy things on a stick? Pussy...something. Not cat tails. Pussy Willow? In kindergarten, my teacher flushed some of those down the toilet b/c I told her I was allergic to pollen. I'm not so much anymore.

HK: What is your favorite color and what do you think that says about you?

Bozich: Blue and I think that could represent tranquility. I try to be pretty easygoing. I also like yellow a lot. Perhaps that speaks of my outgoing personality. Can I steal this question?

HK: If you could take anyone on a boat trip around the world with you, who would it be?

Bozich: Oh geez. I don't know. Someone famous or not? Someone that wouldn't bore me, annoy me, or be mean to me. Someone that spoke many languages so he/she could talk to the natives when we came to port. I have no idea. Maybe I would just go by myself to avoid having to choose.

Interview with Betsy Ford

BF: I've noticed you like to stick things on your head—cute hats, little barrettes and clippers. What's up with that?

Bozich: (laughing) I don't know. I try to be creative. You can't do much with short hair so I try to spruce it up a little.

BF: How do you decide on the questions for your faculty interviews?

Bozich: I choose them at random, often times before I even know who I'm interviewing. I also asked Dr. Cummins if that was his natural hair color. They are the same for the faculty and the student of that week.

BF: You made up your major. Have you made up other crucial things in your life?

Bozich: Perhaps in the future I will also make up my career, my family, my friends.

BF: If you had to take a class that met every day for six hours, whose class would you take and why?

Bozich: I would take Bruce Willis's "How to beat up German terrorists 204." Or maybe I'd prefer to take "Playing on the Computer 316," or "Invisibility 101." I couldn't handle a 6-hour class ever. That's just insane. Unless it was, "Playing outside in warm weather 202," or "Tanning 307." Okay for real, I would take a writing class by Dr. Swerdlow because he really made I real edjimicated with me righting.

BF: Will technology kill newspapers?

Bozich: Will you kill me? No, it won't. People like reading the paper with their morning coffee and toast. You don't want to get crumbs in your laptop. Plus what would you line the litter box and bird cage with?

BF: Is the semester over yet?

Bozich: Technically this is the sixth question, putting you over the limit, but I'll answer anyway. The semester is over. It's just that the administrators and some of the professors don't know it yet. Wait until it gets warm for good. Then we'll all know.

Time to leave: Real world, do your worst

By Sara Bozich
STAFF WRITER

Overall, I can say that my almost four years here have been satisfactory. Nonetheless, there are many reasons that I cannot wait for my college experience to end. I stopped caring about fraternity parties and "hooking up" long ago. I don't relish getting drunk or staying up until 4 a.m. anymore. I have developed a relationship with my parents so that I don't need college as an escape any longer.

I am grateful for opportunities that I have happened upon here, but I will be happy when I can have a true home again. I miss my parents. I am tired of feeling guilty for blowing them off at home, yet at the same time feeling like I'm not seeing my friends enough. Last time I was home, I told my mom apologetically that I couldn't have dinner with her. "Mom, soon I'll be home and it'll be no big deal that I'm home. Then no one will want to see me and you'll all wonder why you wanted to spend so much time with me anyway." She laughed.

I am ready to work eight or nine hour days. I do that now, though perhaps not consecutively. I already pay rent, handle phone bills and electric bills, buy groceries and clean-even when I'm not having guests. I can even prepare a few meals on my own. It only gets easier. I'll live at home; Dad will have me over for dinner some days. Laundry will be free, my relationship will lose its long-distance status and the phone bill won't be an issue. And I have a dishwasher at home.

Every post-graduate adult I know tells me that I will miss college-and maybe I will eventually. But I am ready for a change; I am ready to grow up; I want to move on. And to be honest with you, I don't think that the real world will be any tougher that what I have now, partly because I am going to live at home for a time. But I manage four jobs, three classes and an extensive senior project. It will be a relief to work from 9-5.

I am prepared to sit all day and answer to authority. I am prepared to do work, to get up early, to not stay out late. I know I'll still be forced to perform menial tasks. I can handle it. I know I will still deal with idiots and rude people. It's not any kind of superiority complex that drives my desire to get out of here. At the same time, it's hard to picture long-term life at home after living so independently for the last four years. But I'll find my outs, and I've overstayed my welcome in New Wilmington as it is. I want to go home. The ride is over; it's time to get off. I'm ready for real life.

(If you want Sara to quit school right now and move home, **go to page 14.**)

(If you want Sara to wait patiently until graduation, **go to page 15.**)

(If you want Sara to never move home and live her life in New Wilmington, PA **go to page 14.**)

April Fools' Day myths, pranks and traditions

By David Field
STAFF WRITER

Every year on the first of April, people around the world purposely trick, prank and deceive one another, but when we celebrate this holiday year after year, do we truly know why?

When asking students why this holiday existed, many could make only educated guesses.

Sophomore Diana Moore, Psychology major, expresses her thoughts on why we celebrate April Fools' Day.

"I believe that this holiday has something to do with the moon, it's all about the moon. Isn't it?" Moore said.

April 1, prior to1562, was considered New Year's Day; celebrated much like today's New Year with parties, festivities and dancing into the wee hours of the night.

In the sixteen-century Pope Gregory of France devised the Christian calendar, which changed the beginning of the New Year to January 1. Due to poor communication, people in the surrounding area hadn't heard or didn't believe the change in the date, so they continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1. Commoners played tricks on those still celebrating the New Year in April, calling them "April Fools." They would send them on "fool's errands," and/or tried to make them believe that something false was true. Today the tradition lives on as we ponder the best way to play tricks on our friends and strangers, hoping for a good chuckle.

Junior Rodolfo Padua de Sant'Anna, International Business major, provides some cultural knowledge and personal experience concerning this holiday.

"April Fools' Day is something celebrated around the world. In Brasil we call April Fools' Day, El Dia de Mentira," he said. "The worst April Fools' Day trick played on me happened last year. My roommate hid my girl Pamela, drank all the chocolate milk and rearranged my drum set...I love my milk, my drums and Pamela."

Some suggestions to trick your friends: pull out the tape and paper, and ready the markers; it's time to initiate the "kick me" signs. For those interested in other types of tricks, try changing your roommates' clocks ahead so they get up early for class, or better yet, hide the toilet paper on your hall and see the result.

Senior Matthew William Nichols, Theatre major, shares his plans for this year's April Fools' Day.

"I plan on putting my lizard, Ezra, in my neighbors' bathtub...I can't wait to hear those girls scream," said Nichols.

One thing that we must remember during this holiday is that the best tricks are the ones that leave everybody laughing, including the person the tricks are played on.

Don't try to be cool and hurt the feelings of your April Fool.

Seeing double: twins on Westminster campus

By Nicholas D'Antonio
STAFF WRITER

When attending a college of roughly 1400 students, it's not unlikely to bump into someone twice in one day. But what if it looks like the same person five or six times in one day? It's not that unusual because Westminster has four sets of twins on campus.

Russell Hall houses freshmen David and Kevin Dobbins and Hans and Niels Jorgenson. Shaw Hall houses freshmen Megan and Michelle Chovan. Juniors Don and Ron Brown live in the Phi Kappa Tau house.

Sophomore Braeden Mathieu said, "I have an older brother, not a twin, who goes here. He helped me to choose this school and showed me around, but I couldn't imagine having a sibling here, the same age, going through the same stuff together."

Megan and Michelle are experiencing this situation first-hand.

"I wanted to come here all along to play soccer. Michelle wanted to go to Thiel, but Mom wanted us at the same college together. It does get frustrating sometimes having my younger sister here watching over me (Megan is older by 12 minutes), but it's nice to always have someone here for you," Megan said.

The Chovans aren't identical twins but they said that a certain professor keeps calling them by the wrong name in class. A problem that Don and Ron, who are also fraternal twins, ran into happened with financial aid. The wrong driver's license number was put on the wrong FASFA form.

"It's fun being twins. You can switch places in class," Don said.

"In high school, we would wear the same clothes and switch seats in class. We have never switched dates, though," Ron said.

To this day, they still receive matching outfits as gifts from their parents.

"It's was tough our first year. We wouldn't associate with each other, but as we grew older we grew closer. Now we live two doors down from each other," Don said.

There have been many psychological studies done on the special relationship that twins have between each other. Each set that was interviewed agreed.

"We can't feel each other's pain and we don't have mental telepathy with each other, but we do finish each others sentences and talk at the same time a lot," Megan said.

"I have felt phantom pains from when Don had surgery, but maybe that was just a mental thing," Ron said.

"We can finish each other's sentences and we will both say the same thing at the same time. It's kind of weird. Sometimes we will both randomly wear the same outfits," Don said.

Next time when it looks like the same person just walked past through the quad, maybe wearing the same outfit; don't worry about déjà vu. It was probably just one of the sets of twins heading to class.

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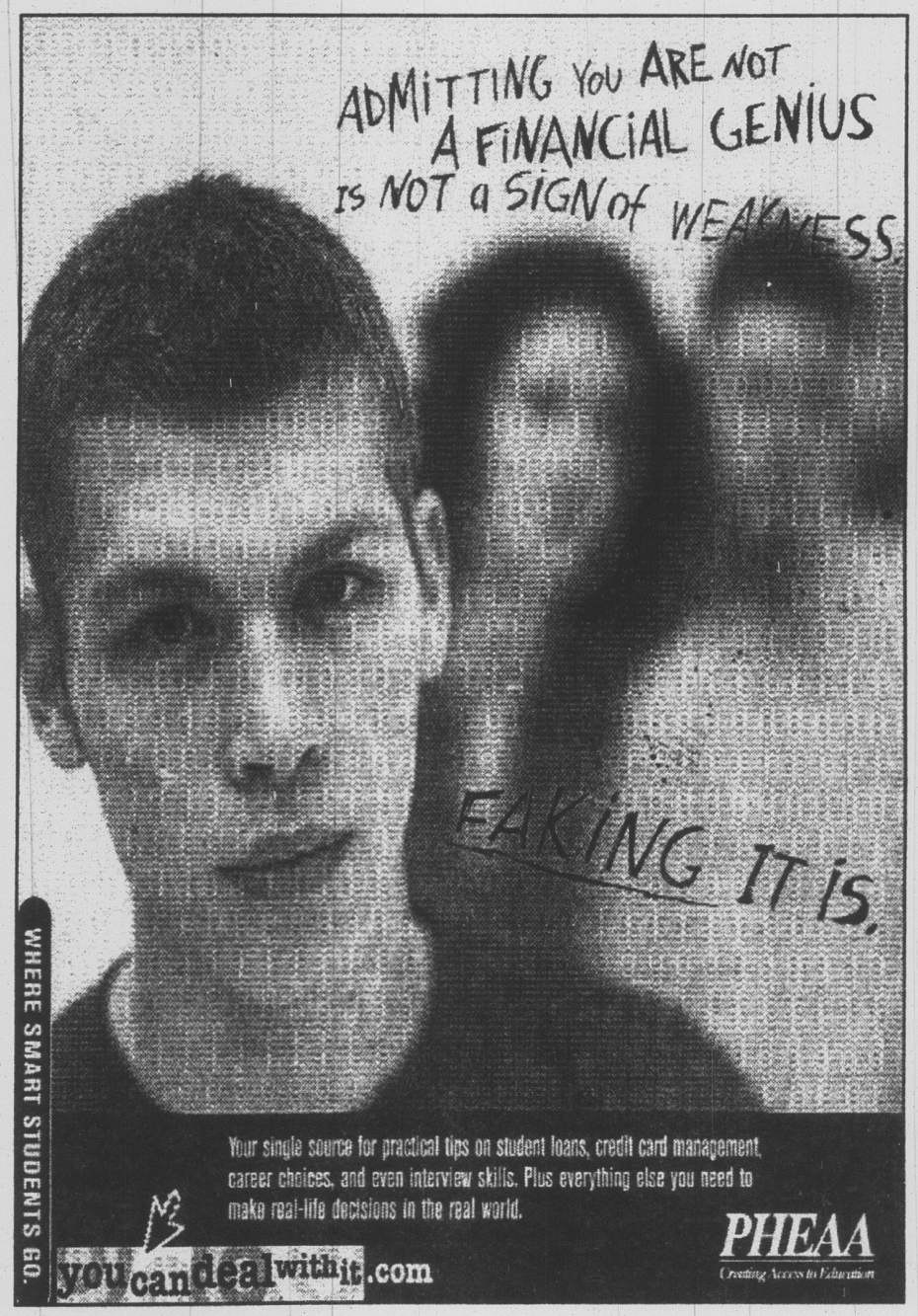
Three of the four sets of twins on campus. Top: Don and Ron Brown, juniors, Middle: Hans and Niels Jorgenson, freshmen, Bottom: Kevin and Dave Dobbins, freshmen.



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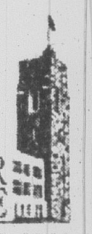

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FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL continues Tuesday, April 3, at 8 p.m. in the Down Under with *Sugar Cane Alley*. This film is the story of a determined grandmother who strives to free her 11-year-old grandson, Jose, from a future of backbreaking labor on a sugar plantation. She believes Jose's one hope for a better life is education. This French film has English subtitles.

SENIOR CAPS AND GOWNS may be purchased for $25 in the bookstore Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-noon and 2-4:30 p.m.

JONES NEW YORK FACTORY OUTLET at the Prime Outlets in Grove City invites graduating students to suit up and receive $25 off purchases $100 or $50 off purchases of $500 or more on non-sale items.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FORUM is scheduled Monday, April 2, in Wallace Memorial Chapel. Don Asher, nationally known speaker and writer on careers and education will give his insight on strategies to gain admission to graduate school. At 7:15 p.m. participants will break into six discussion groups, and students can elect to attend two of the twenty-minute sessions. Groups include a financial aid officer who will discuss how to finance graduate education; a representative from Kaplan Testing Services who will discuss admissions testing; a medical school representative, a law school representative, and a representative from a school that offers a MBA, as well as Asher's continuing discussion on the graduate school experience. Among the representatives are alumnus Brian Lohr '84, assistant director of admissions at Notre Dame University, and Patty Hladio, director of financial aid at Slippery Rock University.

JIM RODDEY, executive officer for Allegheny County, will address the students of Dr. Tom E. Rosengarth's 10:30 a.m. finance class Wednesday, April 4, in the Walton-Mayne student lounge. This session is open to all students, faculty and staff. Roddey, who recently beat Allegheny County Coroner Cyril Wecht for this newly created position, has innovative plans for economic development in Allegheny County and the Pittsburgh International Airport. Anyone interested in business, political science or urban planning should find this presentation interesting.

PRE-REGISTRATION has changed from April 3-6 to April 9-11.

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FOR SALE: Pale yellow loft with shelf. $50. Call EXT. 6662.

FOR SALE: Neutral colored couch with double bed inside, multi-colored carpet with padding- fits wall-to-wall in Shaw (could be cut), white crates (used for table or shelving), three-tier dark brown microwave stand. Call EXT. 6937.

FOR SALE: Attn: English Majors. All 4 Anthologies, $20 each or all 4 for $75. Call Sara at 946-9345 or email at bozichsl@westminster.edu.

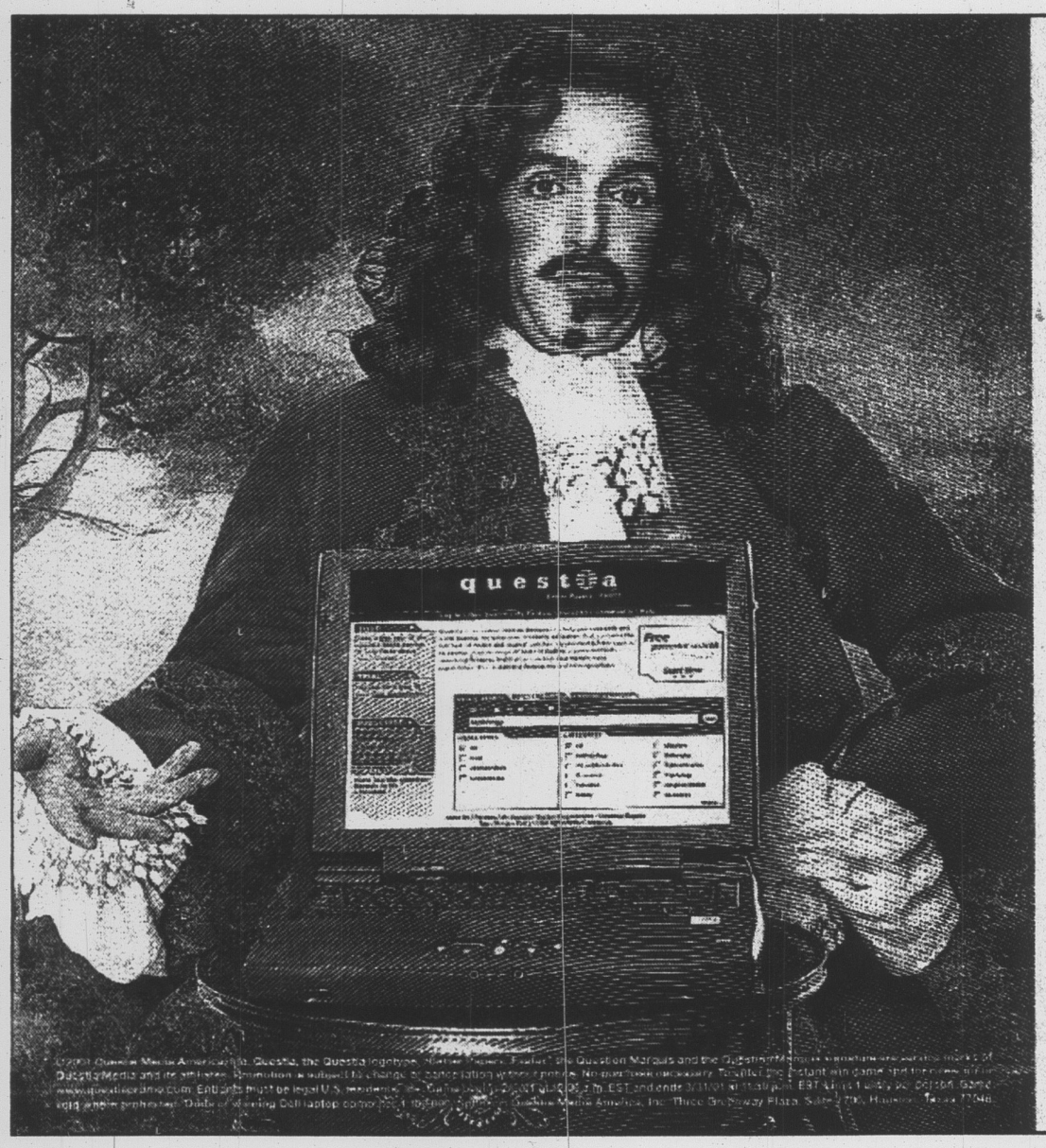
SARA QUITS SCHOOL

Well I just couldn't take it anymore. I moved home. Since I don't really have a degree, I had a hard time getting a job. My boyfriend broke up with me when I didn't graduate and I never married. I worked for my dad at Signal Graphics Printing until the age of 56 when my father passed, and I inherited the store. I sold it for quite a chunk of cash to the store's current manager who also never graduated from college for the exact same reason I didn't. He just got tired of it. I died at age 58 from a heart attack.

Silly goose, Amber didn't win yet. Survivor II's not over.

STAY IN NEW WILMINGTON

I got trapped in this town and never left. I became the historian of Westminster College and married an Amish man. A bronze statue was erected of me in the center of town because of my generosity and overall good deeds. A dorm, a bar (I bought all the liquor licenses in town and opened up a great little pub), and an amusement park were also named after me. After I passed, at age 106 (I made the mistake of napping, and never woke up), New Wilmington changed its name to recognize my efforts: Bozichville.



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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 30
8:45 a.m. Science Olympiad - Orr Auditorium
11:00 a.m. Golf @ Malone (OH) Invitational
11:40 a.m. Chapel
Deadline for Residence Hall Squatter's Applications to Student Affairs Office by 4:30 pm
Sigma Kappa Formal
Kappa Delta Formal

SATURDAY 31
Men's Track and Field @ Slippery Rock Invitational
9:30 a.m. Leadership Development : Building Better Organizations — TUB A/B
10:00 - 6:00 p.m. Residence Life Leadership Commission
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. W & J (H)
1:00 p.m. Softball vs. Geneva (H)
1:30 p.m. Golf @ Malone (OH) Invitational
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Keith Dryburgh - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Senior Recital: Avis Devine - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents: Pete Dominick (comedian) — Down Under
Phi Mu Date Party
Alpha Gamma Delta Formal

SUNDAY 1
LABOR DAY
Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks ahead one hour)
Campus Visitation Day
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ W & J
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Rachel Helgeson - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:00 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Initiation — Chapel
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 2
11:40 a.m. Chapel
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Youngstown State University
4:00 p.m. Diversity Symposium Event: "Business in Argentina" Speakers: Architect Pablo Lopez and Alfredo Lopez Salteri, Director of Personnel Development in an Argentinian bank. Location to be announced
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 150
6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112/113
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Graduate School Forum — Chapel
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Paul Anka — Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. NCAA Basketball Championships on Big Screen — Down Under

TUESDAY 3
FILE FAFSA 2001
10:00 a.m. CCO Team Meeting — Down Under
Noon Campus Club Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show - The Greenhouse
2:00 p.m. Baseball @ Hilbert
3:00 p.m. Softball @ Bethany
5:00 p.m. SAA Meeting
5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Women's Housing Selection - TUB Lounge
8:00 p.m. Foreign Film Festival: Sugar Cane Alley - Down Under
8:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel

WEDNESDAY 4
10:30 a.m. Career Center Presentation: Jim Roddey, Allegheny County Executive Officer — TUB Lounge
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Clarence Harms, "Rain Forests and Indigenous Peoples of Ecuador and Alaska" - Location TBA
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Grove City
4:00 p.m. Phi Alpha Theta Speaker — Chapel
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. PRSSA Meeting — Chapel
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - CFH 111
9:30 p.m. Seekers - Down Under

THURSDAY 5
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 pm PERC Job Fair - Monroeville ExpoMart
10:00 a.m. Health Center Alcohol Screening — TUB A/B
11:00 a.m. Political Science and Sociology Departments Colloquium — Phillips Lecture Hall
3:00 p.m. Softball @ Allegheny
5:30 p.m. Rehearsal for HOLOCAUST CANTATA — Band Room, PH 51
6:00 p.m. Resident Assistants Continuous Training Meeting - Hillside Lobby
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Men's Housing Selection - TUB Lounge
8:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Spring Concert - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. "Survivor" Night — Down Under

SARA WAITS PATIENTLY FOR GRADUATION

I waited for graduation. After commencement exercises, a group of tall men in pinstriped suits approached me. My family was crowding around to congratulate me but the mysterious men just tossed them aside. They removed their sunglasses and said, "Sara Bozich?" "Yes," I replied. I cannot reveal all of the details, but I was famous within a week. I was one of those random celebrities who is famous, but doesn't act or sing or dance, and in fact, sometimes you wonder, "How did that person get famous?" I made millions of dollars, went to every Oscar party and Movie premiere and vacationed in exotic locales. Miraculously, I didn't become drug-dependent and made it 25 years in Hollywood without going to Rehab. In 2030, I retired to a peaceful ranch in Colorado where I bred horses and entertained journalists with interviews on occasion. I died at age 64 from a brain hemorrhage after a rambunctious horse kicked me in the head.

SGA meets, allocates funds and plans future activities

The first meeting of the newly elected Student Government Association took place on Wednesday night during which the 2001-2002 Senate was inducted. After receiving their oath of office, the 31 newly elected senators were ready to begin their year.

The meeting was called to order by President Lindsey Braem. The Executive Council made up of Vice President Kylene Adams, Secretary Anne Poland and Treasurer Justin Young was in attendance.

The Executive committee heads, Greg Marquis (Academics), Dan DiDesidério (Finance), Beau McElfresh (Judicial), Christina Contes (Public Relations) and Stefanie Maccaglia (Special Events) were approved by the Senate.

These five chairs, who work closely with the Executive Council of the Student Government, gave a brief description of their committees. The Senate will be signing up for one of these committees next week and a large portion of their work in SGA will be through these smaller sections.

The SGA is looking for students who are interested in becoming associate members on Westminster College's Board of Trustees. These two positions are open to all Westminster students. If you are interested in one of these positions, contact Kylene Adams for more information.

As is done every year, $600 was given from our current budget to Relay for Life to support their fireworks display.

The Senate elected five remaining junior senators to represent their class. They will be inducted into the SGA pending their acceptance.

Diana Wells, a sophomore SGA member, was nominated and elected as the chaplain of the Student Government.

In support of the Sigma Kappa sorority's "Miss Titan" contest, Ron Brown, a junior senator, was chosen to represent the SGA.

After much debate, a distinguished faculty member was elected for the annual SGA Service Award. This award is given every year to the faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment and dedication to the SGA.

Because SGA financially supports the majority of organizations on Westminster's campus, there have been a number of honors fraternities and clubs requesting money recently.

The Psi Chi Psychology fraternity asked for $1700 to go to a required conference. However, the motion to allocate funds was denied.

The Equestrian Team, which recently suffered a raise in their rental fee, requested $600 to help alleviate debt. The motion to allocate $600 was passed, and an additional $300 was given to this organization.

It was announced that that Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity will be sponsoring the NCAA Basketball Championships in the Down Under on Monday. They request that you bring an item of clothing to donate for the Salvation Army.

As a reminder to all campus organizations that plan to request funding for the 2001-2002 school year, a member of each organization is required to attend one of the "Building Better Organizations" seminars. The next one is being held this Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. In order to reserve a spot, e-mail your name, position and organization to Brandy Hare at harebl@westminster.edu by Friday, March 20 at 3 p.m.

This particular seminar will discuss the SGA audit and allocation process that organizations will be going through this spring. It will offer ways to better budget funds and successfully pass the audit.

Next week's meeting will discuss the positions on the Board of Trustees and plans for Volleyrock, which will be held on Saturday, May 5.

Volleyrock is an all-campus volleyball tournament held every year in the spring. The event also features a DJ, free food and the ever-popular Lube wings. Students should watch for more information about team sign-ups as the event approaches.

Anyone with suggestions about Volleyrock or a t-shirt design idea should contact Kylene Adams.

All members of Westminster campus are invited to attend a meeting of the Student Government Association. The meetings are held weekly in Phillip's Lecture Hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

At the Down Under

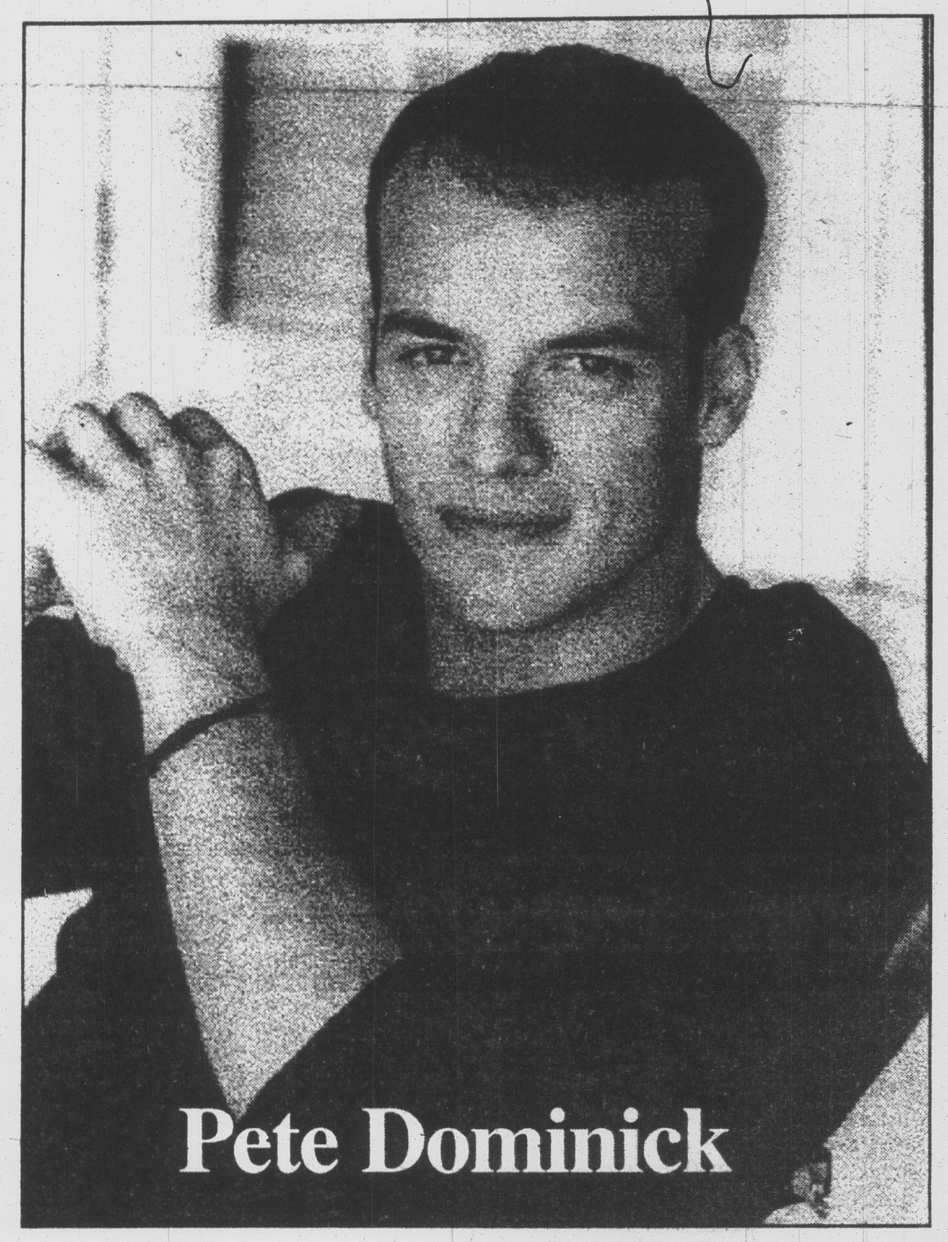
Pete Dominick to perform at the Down Under Saturday @ 8

By Kendra McClymonds
A & E EDITOR

Appearing at the Down Under this Saturday at 8 p.m., Comedian Pete Dominick will perform free of charge. Free refreshments will also be served to all who attend.

«After graduating from SUNY/Cobleskill in upstate New York, Dominick trained at The American Musical & Dramatic Academy in New York City for two years. His hilarious material parodying the world of fitness and exercise - including love and romance at the gym, the perils of the steam room, and aerobics as self defense are just a few of the things he touches on.

Dominick has been seen on CBS's Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt and on Australian TV in The Great Outdoors. His high energy and clean humor have made him a hit at clubs such as Stand Up New York, Caroline's, and the New York Comedy Club.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College evaluation process continues

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

An evaluation team from the Commission on Higher Education (CHE), Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools arrived on campus this week as part of Westminster's ongoing re-accreditation process. Westminster must be re-accredited every 10 years.

The evaluation team, led by Fr. Kevin Mackin, President of Siena College (NY), arrived on campus Sunday night, and stayed until Wednesday afternoon. At 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Mackin presented the team's preliminary report of findings to the campus in Beeghly Theater.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, Dr. John Deegan is Chair of the College's re-accreditation efforts. Deegan was optimistic about Wednesday's report. "I was very satisfied with the report, particularly because it affirmed the quality of the Self-Study Report prepared by the College," Deegan said. "For a college that has been accredited continuously by the CHE since its formation 80 years ago, this is a gratifying, but not unexpected, result. For the team to go out of its way to compliment the College, its faculty, Trustees, administration, support staff and students for their collective and continuing commitment to enhanced educational excellence is high praise indeed."

Dr. David Twining, member of the faculty development committee and coordinator of Westminster's first-year program, was also pleased with the results of Wednesday's presentation. "It was a generally positive report. I thought it was very well done."

The visit from the evaluation team comes after Westminster's Self-Study Steering Committee produced a thorough, comprehensive self-study report in February. The final decision on re-accreditation will come in early June.

"I am very pleased with the knowledge, professionalism and accreditation-related experience exhibited by the team members," Deegan said. "The team members seem genuinely impressed with the progress that Westminster College has made since our last accreditation review in 1991."

Twining offered similar opinions of the team's performance. "They were knowledgeable and asked good questions. We were impressed," Twining said. "Re-accreditation is great thing to do. You get outside analysis and a look at what you are doing right, as well as areas you need to improve upon."

Colleges are re-accredited for several reasons. First, re-accreditation allows for standards against which all colleges can be measured. It also ensures the college will undergo an extensive self-evaluation process which leads to improvement in all aspects of the

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Titan baseball sweeps three game series

By John Hanlon
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster Titans improved their record to 7-6-1 overall and an unblemished conference record of 5-0 by going 5-1 this week. The Titans outscored their opponents 58 to 17 in this six-game stretch.

The diamond men finished off the week by sweeping a three-game series with PAC rival Washington & Jefferson, 17-4, 14-0, and 11-7. The Titan hitters feasted on the President's pitching by belting six home runs and 48 hits.

Sophomore pitching ace Kevin Culp earned the first win against W&J, 17-4, improving his record to 2-1. Culp is excited about the Titans' recent performances.

"Maybe the planets are aligned in a way that is conducive to Titan victories, or we are just playing great baseball," Culp said.

Westminster took the early lead by scoring five runs in the first inning and four more in the second. The game saw home runs from senior Henry Klinar, who was 2-for-3, and sophomore Robert Thompson, who had three RBIs. Thompson feels lucky to be after Klinar in the lineup.

"I enjoy hitting after Hank 'cause I have front row seats in the on-deck circle to watch him crush balls into the lake. Plus, if they pitch around him, they have to come right to me and I get to see good pitches to hit," Thompson said.

Freshman hurler Matt Robison, who improved to 2-1 with the victory, dominated the second game by tossing a one-hit shutout. Robison struck out six while only walking one to earn the complete game win, 14-0. Robison was humble after the game.

"I just go out there and try to throw the ball as hard as I can every pitch," Robison said.

Freshman shortstop Nathan Statzer went 3-for-4 with a triple and two runs scored, while sophomore catcher Scott Nastase and senior Tim Voelp each smashed their first round-trippers of the year.

The third game of the series was more competitive with freshman pitcher Pat Boyle earning the victory in relief, 11-7. Statzer and senior DH Kurt Latta each posted three hits.

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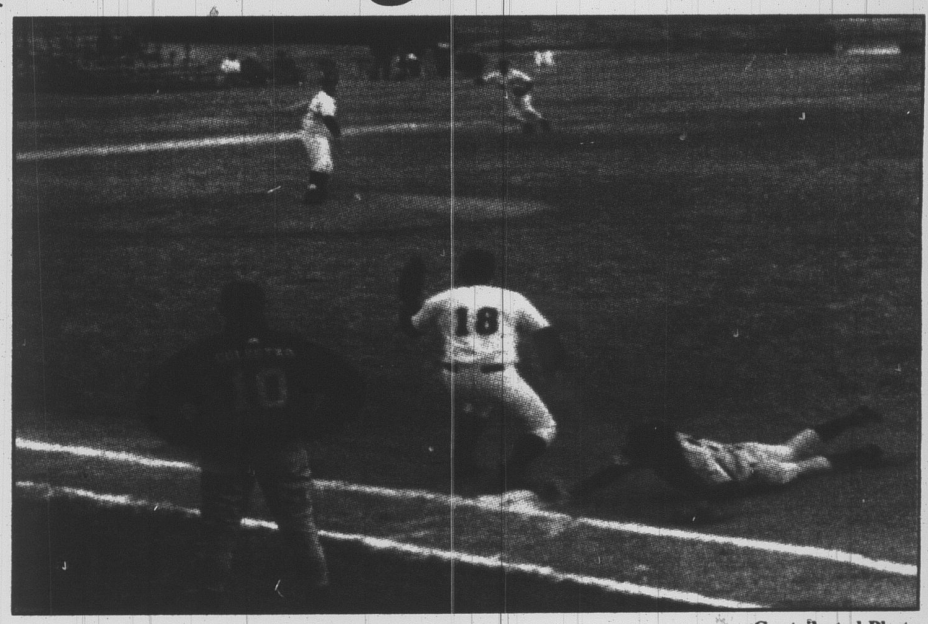

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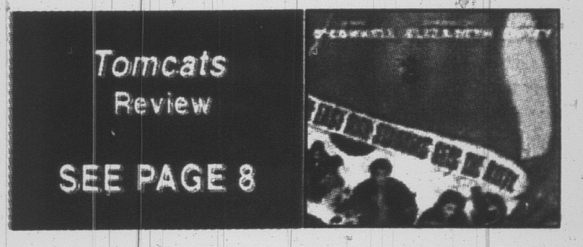
Kevin Culp goes for the tag on first base.



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Saturday: Scat. Storm high 73° low 51°

Sunday: M. Cloudy high 79° low 54°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Hooks hired to coordinate diversity on campus

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Jeannette Hooks

By Randy Leasure
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Jeannette Hooks, a 1972 graduate of Farrell Senior High School and lifelong resident of Farrell, PA, has joined the Westminster staff as Diversity Coordinator, effective March 12.

Hooks formerly worked as the Corporate Account Representative at the Federal Express Corporate Headquarters in Pittsburgh. She also worked at the Business Institute of Pennsylvania in Sharon, as Director of Minority Affairs, and Admissions Counselor.

Hooks has been pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in New Castle since 1995. She was pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Midland in 1994, and Payne A.M.E. Church in Huntingdon and Bethel A.M.E. Church in Mount Union, respectively, in 1993.

Hooks conducts her life in accordance with an age-old and elementary philosophy.

"I firmly believe in treating others in the same way I wish to be treated," Hooks said. "If I can help someone along the way, then my living is not in vain."

Hooks recognized her call to the ministry in 1989. She was licensed as an evangelist in 1990, and was ordained as an itinerant deacon in 1993. In 1995, Hooks was ordained by Bishop Henry Allen Belin, Jr., as an itinerant elder, at the 128th session of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference.

She earned an associate degree in business administration from the Business Institute of Pennsylvania, and a bachelor's from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA.

More recently, she was awarded a scholarship from Duquesne University and is now enrolled in graduate school, working toward a master's degree. Hooks said that after she completes her master's, she plans to enroll in a doctorate program.

"One can never have too much education," Hooks said.

As Diversity Coordinator, a position within the department of Student Affairs, Hooks is responsible for all aspects of student diversity at Westminster.

Her duties include increased recruitment and retention procedures of minority students, to create a more diverse student body. She will also assist in shaping the strategies that will help accomplish Westminster's diversity goals.

Hooks said that she will work to enhance college efforts to build awareness of and respect for cultural and individual differences, for all students, faculty and staff.

The position of Diversity Coordinator was once known as Director of Multicultural Affairs, and was held by Phil King until June. The title has changed, according to Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman, because cultural differences are only one part of the diversity issues being addressed at Westminster.

"The Diversity Coordinator will not only be required to deal with multicultural issues, but also the differences in matters such as gender, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, and international student concerns," Edman said.

"Jeannette is just a very nice person. She has a solid professional background for dealing with these concerns, and is a very genuine individual," Edman said. "She has a strong commitment to, and enthusiasm for, the minority population at Westminster. She is undoubtedly a great asset to the college."

Edman said that the search for a Diversity Coordinator began in November, and was posted both locally and nationally. A screening committee selected Hooks from 52 applicants.

Hooks is very active in her community. She founded and directs Safe Haven Ministries, "A Shelter in the Time of a Storm" prison ministries. She also founded and is the CEO of the Mercer County Civil Rights Organization.

Hooks is first vice president of the Mercer County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She is a board member of Christian Kollege for Kidz, the Directors for Women in the Ministry of Shenango Valley and the Southwest Gardens Economic Development. She is a member of the City of Farrell Human Relations Commission, the Self Development of People of Presbyterian Church, and the Shenango Valley and Lawrence County Ministerial Alliances. She has also served as assistant secretary to the Pittsburgh Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hooks is an identical twin, and the seventh of eight children born to the late Randolph and Laura Smith Wright.

She has two children. Her daughter, Japraunika, is a high school educator in the Farrell Area School District, and her son, Carlen, is a high school student. She has one grandchild, Marquette.

WC competitors take 9th place at College Bowl

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

During the weekend of February 16-17, five Westminster Students and a professor traveled to Bucknell College for the 24th Annual ACUI Region Four College Bowl Tournament. This year's theme was "College Bowl: The Varsity Sport of the Mind."

Scott Hauser (team captain), Nate "Hammer" Tengowski, Dave Boyle, Matt Deegan and Bill Spencer were picked because of their phenomenal dominance of Quiz Bowl, held on campus last semester. Dr. Verena Botzenhart-Viehe accompanied them.

The tournament was played over a two-day period in a series of round-robins between the "Gold" schools: Georgetown, George Washington, University of Pittsburgh and Johns Hopkins, and the "Silver" schools: Westminster, California University of Pennsylvania, IUP, Dickinson and Moravia.

Both Dr. VBV and the team expressed that they had fun at the tournament, and that Bucknell was a great host. Dr. VBV could not say enough about the team spirit, sportsmanship and the vast knowledge demonstrated by WC's team, which included the information about the Aztecs, Salt Lake City, Ivana Trump and Henri Matisse. "This particular team were a very fine group of young men who played some of the most advanced players holding 45 plus tournaments under their belts," said Botzenhart.

Although placing 9th in the tournament, WC's team did beat out both Dickinson and Moravia Colleges with correct answers in the subjects of geography, world leaders and history.

As for next year, the "brawny brains" of WC are "committed to beating out the big schools like Georgetown," but most importantly to having another great time.

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campus.

Deegan believes the hard work put into this year's re-accreditation efforts will pay off in the future. "I am confident that ten years from now when we will repeat the self-study process, Westminster will have evolved into an even stronger institution than it is now, a church-related, liberal arts college of first rank, because of the seriousness with which we approached self-study in 2001."

1931 Alumni bequeaths $1 million to campus

By Justin DeCapua
STAFF WRITER

A 1931 graduate contributed a bequest to the college totaling one million dollars following his death on August 20, 2000.

The contribution from the late Dr. John S. Witherspoon will help fund the construction of a new campus center scheduled to break ground in early May. The college received the money during a February board of trustees meeting.

Witherspoon continued to be interested in Westminster endeavors long after he received his degree in biology 69 years ago. "We are grateful to Dr. Witherspoon for remembering the college," vice president for institutional advancement Gloria Cagigas said.

Witherspoon earned his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1935, and began a private practice shortly after completing his residency. It was reported by neighbors that when Witherspoon's Buick was parked in front of a house, people knew a family member was ill.

"It is really cool when an alum becomes really wealthy and gives back to the college," junior Jim McGovern said. "I think that when kids see a Westminster grad become successful and earn a lot of money, there is some assurance that they're on the right path too."

During the time Witherspoon practiced medicine, the standard fee for a house call was $3 and an office visit cost $2, but Witherspoon also served people who could only afford to pay 25 cents for treatment. In 1977, he received the National Bedford Award for Outstanding Physician of the Year from the Allegheny County Medical Society.

"I think that a person who cares enough to donate money after graduating and leaving the college must have really appreciate the experiences they received during their time on campus, " junior Lindsey Yankle said. "I hope future graduates will be as generous as this man was."

After retiring from medicine, Witherspoon joined the Ben Avon Heights council, serving four terms. For many years, polls for voting were held in Witherspoon's garage.

Witherspoon's service in the medical profession transitioned to his church, the Ben Avon Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder deacon and trustee. This duty to his church was passed down through generations of his family. Witherspoon's ancestor, the Rev. John Witherspoon, president of Princeton University in 1776, was the only clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence.

Witherspoon's favorite pastime was to be outdoors and to fly fish as often as he could. He fished the streams of Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and England, but his favorite place remained the streams of Pennsylvania.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

WVU offers bachelor of science degree in forensics

By Michael A. Fuoco
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

MORGANTOWN, W.Va.—When a select group of students at West Virginia University say their course work is murder, they're not complaining.

Really, their course work is murder — and rape, robbery, kidnapping, arson and burglary.

They are the first 220 students seeking a bachelor of science degree in forensic identification, the first degree program of its kind. The four-year-old program, developed at the request of the FBI to fill a training and educational void in forensic identification, will graduate its first three students next month.

While those in the program account for 1% of the university's 22,000 students, it nonetheless has become known on campus. It is the only truly interdisciplinary course of study at the university, requiring instructors from nearly every college.

And then there's the house.

It's a small ordinary-looking brick house at 383 Oakland St., next to the Towers Dormitory on the university's Evansdale Campus, with a sign outside that reads "Forensic Identification Program Laboratory." But what shows up inside is anything but ordinary. Nearly every week, the remnants of a crime are found inside what's come to be affectionately known on campus as the "crime scene house."

While the program's students go to classrooms to learn about physics, math, chemistry, biology, computer science, photography and other disciplines used in forensics, they come to the house to learn how to gather the evidence to be analyzed.

Year-round, instructors use the furnished and fully functioning home as a real-life example of the kind of place in which students will use the skills they've acquired in the program. This is where students look for the blood, body fluids, hairs, fibers, fingerprints and other trace evidence planted by their instructors in a crime-scene scenario, usually taken from real-life cases.

One of these special classes was held on St. Patrick's Day. As other WVU students quaffed green beer elsewhere on campus, seven juniors arrived at the house for their daylong Saturday class in the course Crime Scene Investigation I.

Classes at the house are usually conducted Friday nights and all day Saturday to accommodate the schedules of crime scene instructors, who hold full-time jobs in the specialties they teach.

The instructor for this course is West Virginia State Police Sgt. Mark W. Neal, head of the Latent Print Section of the West Virginia State Police Crime Lab in South Charleston, W.Va.

"I really enjoy it. It's different than a regular college class. And it's different for me because usually I'm trying to find evidence, and now I'm trying to cover it up. It's kind of scary because I find myself thinking, 'What's the best way to plot a murder?' "

The seven students — five women and two men — have processed scenes in the house dealing with a kidnapping and a burglary. An arson and a whole-house homicide scene will be staged later in the semester.

CMU ranks first in nation for computer engineering program

By Bill Schackner
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

This year, at least, the nation's No. 1 program in computer engineering is on the Oakland campus of Carnegie Mellon University, according to U.S. News & World Report. The ranking, based on a survey of engineering school deans, brought a wave of euphoria to campus yesterday. So did several other strong graduate school scores, in engineering, business, public affairs, economics and psychology.

It's the first time Carnegie Mellon has finished first in a specific engineering discipline, said President Jared Cohon.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for the record, was ranked second. Stanford

University finished third.

"It's a dream of any faculty member to work in a department that is ranked number one," said Pradeep Khosla, a professor and head of Carnegie Mellon's electrical and computer engineering department, trying his best not to sound like a World Series winner.

Khosla said there really is only a slight difference among programs in the top 10. "Still," he said with a tinge of satisfaction in his voice, "one is one, and two is two."

The rankings will appear in the magazine's annual newsstand book this month.

Down the street, parts of the University of Pittsburgh were basking in the limelight, too, and not just within the medical school, which traditionally ranks high among its peers.

The university's Katz Graduate School of Business nudged back into a four-way tie for 50th among business schools in the survey, having been knocked out of the rankings last year.

And the university's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs inched up a notch from 20th to a tie for 19th. Its nonprofit-management program was ranked ninth in the country.

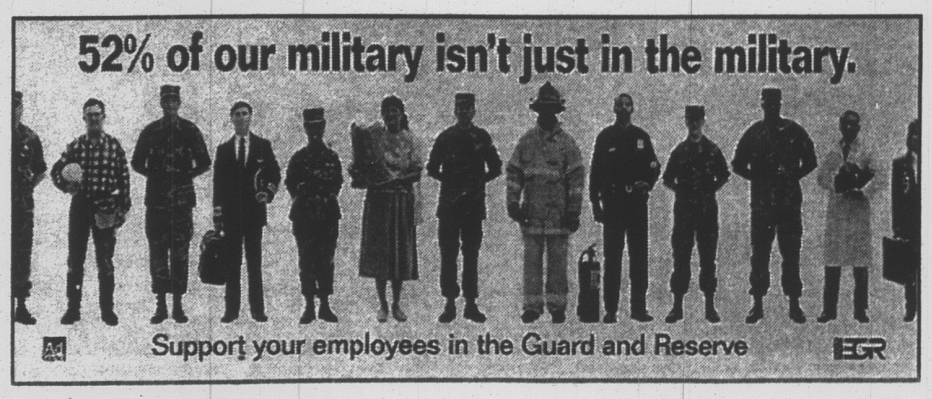
The medical school's research ranking slipped from 19th to a tie for 20th, Pitt spokesman Ken Service said. But in the category of primary care, it rose from 37th to a tie for 28th.

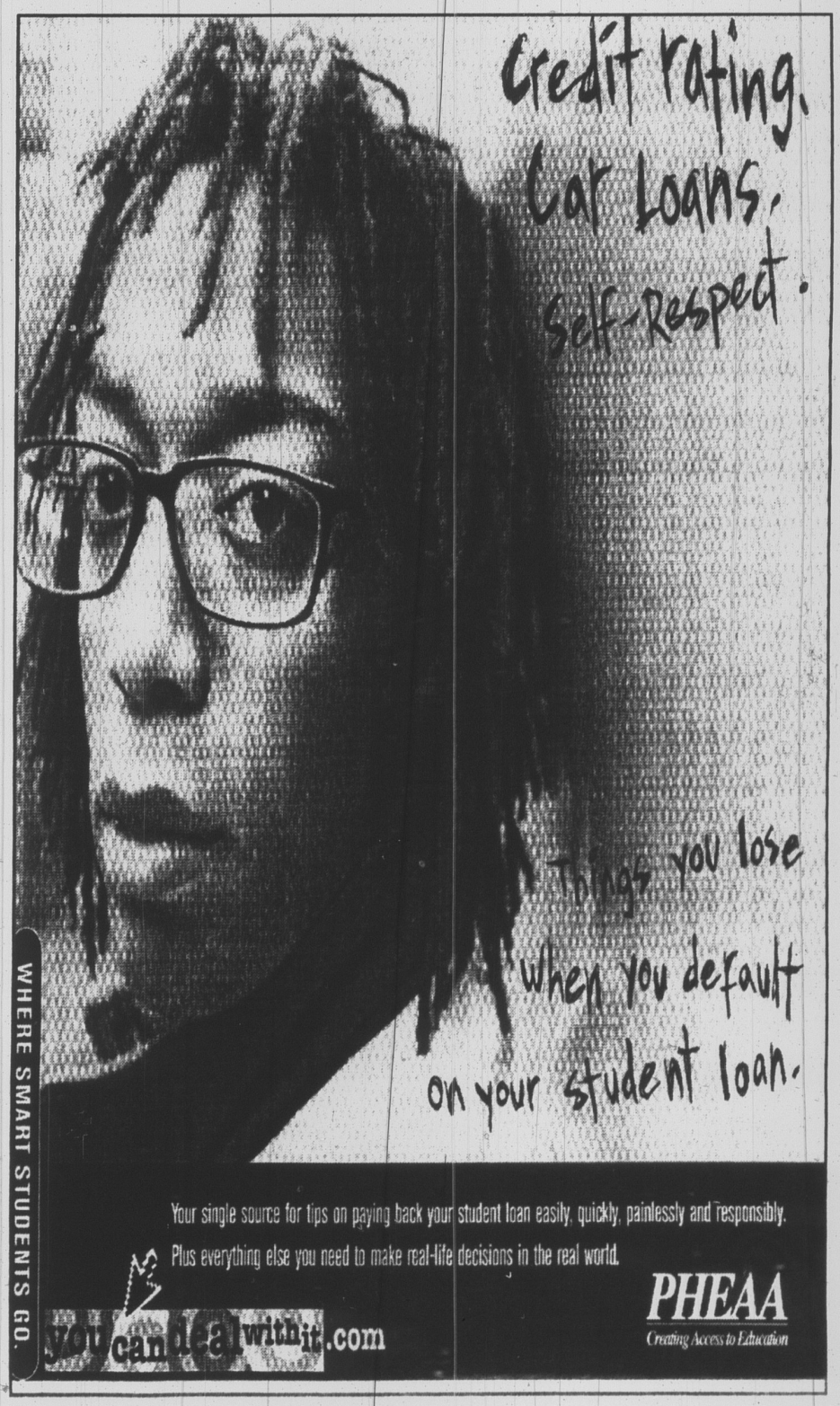
Service said the significance to Pitt is that it continues to have a number of areas on campus recognized as being among the nation's best.

The annual rite of grading schools is both savior and scourge to campuses aware that prospective students use them as a scorecard in picking schools. Among the proliferation of college rankings, those in U.S. News are among the most widely known.

Deans of many schools complain that rankings are subjective and often based on methodology that changes from year to year. Just the same, they live and die by moves up or down, and in some cases even take rankings into account when developing strategic plans.

The U.S. News rankings include business, education, engineering, law and medicine as well as other fields such as health and public affairs.





NATIONAL

Experimental AIDS vaccine blocks disease in monkeys

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - An experimental AIDS vaccine forged from the virus that causes the common cold blocked the disease from developing into its full-blown stage in laboratory monkeys, although it did not prevent the actual infection, a top scientist at Merck & Co. Inc. said on Monday.

The findings point to the potential of a future human AIDS vaccine able to curb the progression of the disease in those infected by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, said John Shiver, director of vaccine research at Merck Research Laboratories.

"Given how dangerous an epidemic this is and the threat it poses to people in general, if our only vaccine is one that controls the infection but does not prevent it, then certainly that's a worthy goal until something comes along that's better," Shiver said in an interview.

He also said he could not rule out the possibility that a vaccine following the model used in the study could even protect against initial infection. Shiver said the monkeys were given massive doses of an extremely virulent strain of the virus that causes AIDS, dwarfing the viral exposure experienced by any person who becomes infected.

In a note of caution, he said that any human AIDS vaccine was still years away from being ready.

In a study carried out by Merck researchers, rhesus monkeys were infected with a cross between HIV and simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV), the version of the AIDS virus that can infect monkeys and apes.

Three monkeys were given the vaccine that used a form of the cold-causing adenovirus that was crippled genetically so it would not reproduce and was made to carry a gene from the AIDS virus.

Those three did not develop the damaging aspects of the disease in eight months of observation, suppressing the virus to the point that it no longer was discernible in the bloodstream, Shiver said.

"They seem to be perfectly normal — which does make sense, considering how low the amount of virus is in these animals now," he said. "People with those very low levels typically would not progress to AIDS if they maintained those levels."

Six other monkeys were given no vaccine, with five getting the disease and four of those being euthanized, he said.

Full-blown AIDS is the last stage of HIV infection. The virus damages cells in the immune system that normally fight off infections and diseases. Typically, HIV lives in an infected person's body for months or years before the appearance of any signs of illness.

The Merck team designed the vaccine to elicit so-called cell-mediated immunity — one of two types of protective responses that can be mounted by the immune system. The body generates cells, called T-lymphocytes, which carry out search and destroy missions for cells already infected by a virus.

The researchers said the objective was to stimulate a strong and very specific anti-HIV cellular immune response, as opposed to an antibody response to intercept viruses before they succeed in invading a host cell.

National Briefs

Jury acquits traveler of assaulting ticket agent

NEWARK, N.J. - A man was acquitted Tuesday of assaulting an airline ticket agent whose neck was broken during a confrontation as a delayed flight was boarding. The jury deliberated 3.5 hours over two days before clearing John C. Davis of the single count of aggravated assault. If convicted of the second-degree charge, he could have faced 10 years in prison. The verdict came after two weeks of testimony in the so-called "air rage" trial, whose central incident sprang from circumstances familiar to millions of airline passengers: tedious delays in crowded terminals.

One body recovered in area where boat disappeared

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - A fishing vessel with 15 people on board apparently sank in the Bering Sea in what may be one of the worst fishing disasters in Alaskan waters in nearly two decades. One body was recovered Monday. The Coast Guard planned to continue its search Tuesday but warned rescue efforts could be hampered by forecasts of 20- to 25-foot waves and 40 knot winds. The Arctic Rose went down early Monday morning. There was no distress call from the crew before the Coast Guard picked up an emergency locator beacon signal at 3:30 a.m.

Mayor indicted on racketeering charges

PROVIDENCE, R.I.- Mayor Vincent Cianci Jr., the city's longest-serving mayor, faces his toughest public challenge yet after being indicted on federal racketeering charges. Cianci, 59, was charged Monday with soliciting bribes in exchange for city contracts and government promotions during a career that has spanned more than 20 years. The 97-page indictment alleges that Cianci, his former top aide Frank Corrente and a third defendant ran the city like a criminal enterprise.

Ex-LAPD officer pleads guilty to federal charges

LOS ANGELES - A former officer who is a key figure in the city's police corruption scandal pleaded guilty to federal charges Monday in a deal that requires him to cooperate with prosecutors. Nino Durden, 32, pleaded guilty to three counts of conspiring to violate civil rights and one count of possessing a firearm with an obliterated serial number. Durden's plea deal was hailed by prosecutors as a breakthrough in a scandal that came to light more than a year ago when ex-officer Rafael Perez made a deal with prosecutors and implicated other officers in a wide range of misdeeds.

Airline service continues to decline

WASHINGTON - Despite promises by the airline industry, more flights are late, more passengers are bumped and more baggage is mishandled, a new study finds. The annual study by two university professors found airline service continuing to decline at a time when Congress is considering legislation intended to help consumers.

Case of Legionnaires' disease reported in Ohio

WILLARD, Ohio - Health officials are trying to determine how a woman in this northern Ohio city developed Legionnaires' disease. The victim, identified only as a middle-aged woman who also has other medical problems, was receiving treatment and was in good condition Monday, a health official said. Four employees of a Ford Motor casting plant in Cleveland were diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease last month, and two of them died. Health officials have not determined where they contracted the illness.

Six people killed in Massachusetts car crash

FALMOUTH, Mass. - Speed and alcohol were likely factors in a two-car crash early Tuesday that killed six people, police said. A car carrying four young men crossed the center line and struck a car carrying a man and a woman, police said. All were killed. Victims were identified as Evan McBride, 20, Robert Sizelove, 20, Joshua Littlefield, 19, and Michael Chalifoux, 19, in one car, and Bradford Bartlett, 38, and Kathleen Pearce, 42, in the other car.

Napster hearing draws rock stars, execs and fans

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A parade of rock stars, record label executives and fans of the embattled Internet song-swapping service Napster are expected to pack Congress on Tuesday for a Senate hearing on online entertainment.

Among those set to testify in favor of more freedom for the music industry online is former Eagles band member Don Henley. Rapper and former Public Enemy member Chuck D was due to speak to Napster fans before the hearing at a rally on Monday evening.

Seventies rocker turned bow-hunting enthusiast Ted Nugent is due to tell lawmakers, along with EMI executive Ken Berry, about why Napster should be shut down.

But much of Tuesday's hearing may be overshadowed by the creation of a new, fee-based online music service by music giants Bertelsmann AG, EMI Group Plc and AOL Time Warner.

The companies said on Monday they were teaming up with Internet media software company RealNetworks Inc. to create a service called MusicNet that could be offered to Napster if it satisfied copyright and security concerns.

"Giving away someone else's music without their permission is yesterday's news," music industry advocate Hillary Rosen says in a copy of her testimony for Tuesday's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing that was provided to Reuters.

The MusicNet deal is one way the music industry is providing "legitimately licensed" music on-line, said Rosen, president and CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America.

Two years ago, Bertelsmann and EMI joined the rest of the world's biggest record labels in a landmark copyright infringement suit that argued Napster was a haven for copyright piracy and would cost them billions of dollars in lost music sales. A U.S. District court injunction issued on March 5 said Napster must block copyrighted songs identified by record companies.

Record companies and musicians such as the heavy metal rock group Metallica have since complained that the popular service hasn't done enough to block free exchange of their songs.

The company is using electronic screens to block access to the songs, but users have found ways to get around them, such as deliberately misspelling song titles or artist names.

The Senate Judiciary committee wants to hear more about why Napster hasn't been able to completely block access, said an aide to Vermont Democrat Sen. Patrick Leahy, who along with committee chairman Sen. Orrin Hatch, a Utah Republican, sponsored the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Tuesday's hearing follows up one held last July, which also dealt with copyright laws in an era of digital downloads.

Fans of Napster will get a free pro-Napster T-shirt and ticket to a Tuesday night concert if they attend the hearing.

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INTERNATIONAL

US spy plane collides with Chinese fighter jet

SANYA, China (AP) - China's president on Tuesday demanded the United States stop surveillance flights after a collision between a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet. U.S. diplomats waited to see the 24 member crew of the sophisticated plane, which remained grounded on a tropical Chinese island.

China's Foreign Ministry called for an apology for the collision Sunday over the South China Sea, which Beijing blames on the United States. A ministry spokesman also dismissed U.S. claims that Chinese officials have no right to board the Navy EP-3, though he refused to say whether they had done so already.

With U.S. diplomats waiting on Hainan - the southern island where the EP-3 made an emergency landing - Ambassador Joseph Prueher said the Chinese Foreign Ministry had given diplomats "the expectation" they would meet the crew Tuesday evening. But he didn't say Beijing had formally committed to the meeting.

Tuesday evening, reporters saw four American diplomats - including two military attaches in uniform - leave their hotel in Haikou, the capital of Hainan. The diplomats were in two cars led by a police car, and would not say where they were going.

Chinese leaders, meanwhile, were insisting the United States was to blame for the collision, which left the Chinese pilot missing. China says the pilot parachuted out and a massive search by planes and ships has turned up no sign of him.

President Jiang Zemin, who expressed "great concern" for the pilot, said the unarmed EP-3 violated international law and intruded into Chinese airspace by making an emergency landing without permission on Hainan island in southern China.

"The responsibility fully lies with the American side. We have full evidence for that," Jiang said, according to Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao. "China is the victim," Zhu added.

Jiang called for an end to U.S. surveillance flights off China's coast "so as to prevent similar accidents from happening again," Zhu said.

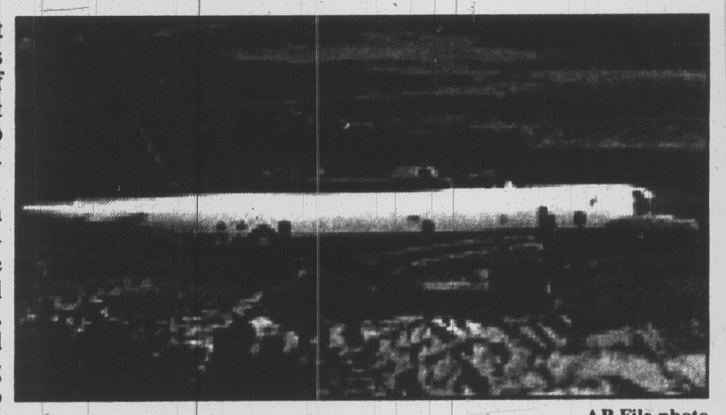
Zhu said Washington should "admit its mistakes" and "make an explanation to the Chinese government and people on this incident instead of raising this or that demand or try to shirk its responsibilities."

Asked at a Beijing news conference if Chinese authorities had boarded the plane, Zhu did not respond directly, saying China has a right to conduct "an investigation" into the collision. He dismissed U.S. claims that the plane is sovereign American territory and cannot be entered.

"If this plane is sovereign American territory, how did it land in China?" Zhu said.

U.S. military officials say the Chinese undoubtedly boarded the plane and examined its sophisticated equipment.

The collision occurred about 60 miles southeast of Hainan, a popular tourist destination 400 miles west of Hong Kong. The U.S. military says the EP-3 was on a routine surveillance mission in international air space. After its left wing and left-most of its four engines were damaged, the pilot put out a distress call and landed at the nearest air field on Hainan.



AP File photo

China is currently investigating Tuesday's collision.

Former Nazi SS commander sentenced to 12 years in prison

RAVENSBURG, Germany (AP) - A court Tuesday convicted an 83-year-old former Nazi SS commander of the murder of seven Jewish prisoners during World War II and sentenced him to 12 years in prison.

Julius Viel, now a retired journalist, sat stony-faced as the presiding judge read out the verdict in Ravensburg district court, saying he acted "out of lust for murder and base motives" - and not on orders.

Viel, a second lieutenant in the SS at the time of the crimes, has denied charges that he shot the inmates from the Theresienstadt concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia in the spring of 1945. His attorney said that he would appeal, citing contradictory evidence.

Prosecutors had sought a life sentence for Viel, one of Germany's last Nazi war crimes suspects likely to face justice. The court cited the long interval between the crimes and the trial in imposing the lower sentence.

Viel was investigated for the slayings in the 1960s, but the case was closed for lack of evidence. He became a respected journalist in West Germany after the war and was awarded a government medal for his writings on hiking.

But German prosecutors reopened the case after a new statement by Adalbert Lallier, a one-time Nazi officer trainee who says he witnessed the killings. Viel was arrested in October 1999 and went on trial in December.

In seeking an acquittal, Viel's lawyers sought to cast doubt on Lallier's reliability as a witness. But the presiding judge said that Lallier's account was credible.

Lallier, an economics professor in Canada, testified that a group from the SS officers' school watched over the inmates as they dug a tank trap against advancing Soviet forces in Theresienstadt.

Standing guard as the prisoners toiled, Lallier said he saw Viel seize a rifle and shoot the victims in cold blood.

Lallier, who was born in Hungary and now lives in Quebec, first told his story publicly in 1998. He said he had stayed silent for so long out of loyalty to his fellow soldiers, but was persuaded to speak out by another former SS officer.

The SS, short for Schutzstaffel, was the dreaded quasi-military unit of the Nazi party, which was used as a special police force and committed some of the worst crimes in territory under Nazi control during World War II. More than 6 million Jews were killed in the Holocaust.

International Briefs

U.S. fighter crashes into sea near Japan

TOKYO - A U.S. F-16 fighter crashed into the sea off northern Japan during a training flight, but its pilot ejected safely, the U.S. military and Japan's Self Defense Agency said. The fighter plunged into the sea about 12 miles northeast of the U.S. Air Force base in Misawa, northern Japan, said defense agency official Hitoshi Kato. The pilot, drifting on a life craft, was rescued by a Japanese navy helicopter about 30 minutes after the crash, Kato said.

U.N.: Worldwide polio eradication 99% complete

NAIROBI, Kenya - A United Nations-led program to eradicate polio worldwide has reduced the number of cases of the crippling disease by 99% since 1988, figures released Tuesday showed. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative attributed the success to a campaign that includes national immunization days and house-to-house visits by vaccination teams. Polio, a sometimes fatal disease, attacks the central nervous system.

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SPORTS

Lady Titan softball shuts out Edinboro

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Titan softball team improved their record to 15-6 with two double-header wins against Edinboro University and Carlow College on March 28 and 29.

The Titans shut out Edinboro 7-0 in the first game. Senior pitcher Bethany Pinkerton hurled her fourth shutout of the season and the 20th of her career while on the mound. She also batted 2 for 4, with a run scored and an RBI.

"I can't say enough about Bethany," Head Coach Jan Reddinger said. "She had a .28 ERA at the time of that game, which is excellent. Most pitchers don't get that good until the end of the season. Also, the amount of leadership and work ethic I've seen from her is terrific."

Westminster also showed an impressive offense against the Fighting Scots. Sophomore Darcy Sutton batted 3 for 4 with a double and three RBIs. Sophomore Julie Purvis helped the Lady Titans' cause by hitting a double and scoring twice.

Purvis took the mound in game two and improved her record to 3-2 on the season. She also helped the offense with a double and two RBIs. Junior Katie Horgan cranked one out of the park with two runners on base.

When it was all said and done, Westminster had won 5-2.

"This was a big win for us. For us to have any chance of ECAC playoffs, we have to win against teams like Edinboro," Reddinger said.

The Lady Titans seized control in game one against Carlow early on, scoring three runs in the first inning and two in the second.

Sutton took the mound for Westminster and improved her record to 5-1, allowing just one run on six hits.

The Lady Titan offense dominated Carlow. Purvis batted 3 for 4, posting a double and two RBI. Pinkerton went 2 for 3, with a double and a stolen base. Junior outfielder Kristie Perrotte batted 2 for. 3 as well, and Westminster took game one by a score of 8-1.

The Westminster offense roared in the nightcap, racking up 15 hits before the game was called due to the eight run rule. According to that rule, if a team leads by eight or more runs after the fifth inning, officials automatically end the game.

Purvis batted 4 for 4, hitting a triple and a home run. She also scored two runs and racked up four RBI. In addition, she earned the pitching win, boosting her record to 4-2. She gave up just one run on nine hits. Sophomore Laura Raible batted a perfect 3 for 3, also posting one run scored. Pinkerton batted 2 for 3, as did junior Monica Dunn.

"This game was a real big confidence builder for us," Reddinger said. "Truthfully, we had been struggling at the plate in previous games. So it was a very important win."

That confidence has given the Lady Titans an optimistic outlook for this year.

"I think our team is definitely coming together," Sutton said. "We're definitely ready for PAC competition. I'm really excited about the season."

Titan golf finishes 9th at Malone Invitational

By B. J. Mathieu
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster College men's golf team finished ninth out of 12 teams last weekend at the Malone College Invitational, which was played at Tannenhauf Golf Course in Alliance, OH.

The tournament lasted two days. Other competition included colleges from the GLIAC, including Ashland, the tournament host and even a college from Quebec, Canada named Laval University. Laval is a big school, consisting of over 34,000 students.

"The competition was very competitive, with some very strong division II teams," sophomore Andrew Aufderheide said.

The Titans finished with a four-man total of 326-317-643.

"We had a few individual scores that were good, but as a team we did not shoot too good," sophomore Dave Blazek said.

Aufderheide shot a team leading 36-hole total of 80-73-153, while Blazek and fellow sophomore Josh Latore shot totals of 82-90-172 and 81-91-180, respectively. Junior Jim McGovern shot a total of 85-73-158, while senior Mike Burnett shot a total of 79-81-160.

"We were disappointed because our team has better ability to shoot lower scores," Aufderheide said.

"Scores that the other teams shot was indicative of how the course played," Burnett said. "But we are looking forward to a more successful end of the season against PAC teams."

The golf team's next match is April 9 at Lone Pine Country Club in Washington, PA. They will face Washington & Jefferson.

Sports this week

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Men's Tennis
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3 p.m.
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON*

Men's Indoor Track
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Open Invitational*

Softball
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1 p.m.
THIEL*

4/9/01
3 p.m.
at Waynesburg*

4/12/01
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WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON*

The best and the worst of sports this week

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

As I predicted, the Duke University men's basketball team defeated the Arizona Wildcats for the national championship last Monday in Minneapolis. The top-ranked Blue Devils won their third championship with an 82-72 victory over Arizona. Even though Battier and fellow All-American Jason Williams had off nights, sophomores Mike Dunleavy and Carlos Boozer picked up the slack, enabling Mike Krzyzewski to move into an elite group of coaches with three championships.

The Duke Blue Devils returned home to Durham last Tuesday with the NCAA basketball championship trophy, greeted by a crowd of "Cameron Crazies" that was cheering so loudly and wildly that head coach Krzyzewski could only stand back and listen. He finally asked the thousands of Duke students to quiet so he could speak. The coach talked about the Feb. 27 game against Maryland when center Carlos Boozer broke a foot and many lost hope in Duke's chances for a championship.

Although I am partial to Duke, I found this group entertaining and talented. They exuded class on and off the court. Arizona was also a respectable team, coached by a man (Lute Olson) who expects perfection and faced tragedy during the season with the death of his wife. This championship game was the perfect ending to a great college basketball season and I believe the best team came out on top.

Strawberry found

Darryl Strawberry spent the four days he was missing doing cocaine with a female friend and armed men who took his jewelry and abandoned him in a motel room, the former baseball star told his probation officer Tuesday. Strawberry told his probation officer that he was picked up at the center by a woman from an Alcoholics Anonymous program named Beverly, who was supposed to take him to the meeting. Instead, he said she began smoking crack cocaine and he couldn't resist the temptation. He said she took him to a nearby motel where there were five men who had guns and took his jewelry. Strawberry said they continued to use cocaine until Friday, when the men, who are not identified decided it was time to leave. Strawberry disappeared from Health Care Connection, where he was serving two years of house arrest for drug possession and solicitation of prostitution charges. He also was on probation for a misdemeanor charge of leaving the scene of an accident stemming from a September collision caused when he was driving under the influence of painkillers.

Strawberry's explanation of his disappearance oozes lies and fabrications. He is making himself out to be the helpless addict who was kidnapped by a group of users. I will be incredibly surprised if a judge buys this story, considering Strawberry is a known drug offender who has violated his probation in the past. He did not receive any harm, other than the days of continuous drug use. Strawberry is facing jail time now, and after that story, he deserves the maximum punishment.

Strawberry in need of support, not jokes

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Darryl Strawberry is in trouble again. That means sportswriters, late night talk show hosts and everyday sports fans will be using the same old phrases again. "Coke head," "Wasted talent," and my favorite, "They should lock him up for good." And readers, audiences and listeners will laugh for a few seconds and then push Darryl out of their minds until he is arrested again. I'm not asking you to start a local chapter of The Straw fan club; I'm just asking you to treat Darryl like you would want to be treated, like a human being.

Yes, Darryl has had more than his share of problems, many created by him. He's been arrested twice for tax evasion, in and out of alcohol abuse centers and has been suspended three times from baseball for cocaine use. More recently, he has been arrested twice in two months for violating his probation by escaping from the drug treatment center he has been confined to by house arrest. He escaped both times to do cocaine.

Those stories always dominate both news and sports headlines. But the other stories about Darryl do not see so much ink. The story about how he's contemplated suicide hundreds of times since 1990. The story of how he struggled for his life this summer during an operation to remove a kidney. The story of how he not only has to fight a powerful addiction, but that he has to do it while receiving chemotherapy for colon cancer. Imagine Darryl was your brother. What kind of stories would you want to see in the paper and on t.v.? Would you still laugh at the jokes?

At 39, with one kidney, cancer and facing jail time, Strawberry's playing days are over. But he's still my guy. He's been my guy for as long as I can remember. I still have the Darryl plaque my brother got me for my 11th birthday on my dorm room wall. I still look at my 56 Darryl Strawberry baseball cards and four posters occasionally. I still watch the tape I have of his cameo on The Simpsons. Now I have the news I received this week that gives me something in common with him. And I still have the memories.

I remember each October, my mom would ask, "What do you want to be for Halloween?" And for five straight Octobers, my answer was the same, "Darryl Strawberry." I remember in the heat of the Pirates-Mets rivalry of the late 80s, going to Three Rivers in my Darryl uniform. Hearing drunken Pittsburghers yell things to Darryl that I wouldn't say to a person who tried to burn my house down. Hearing them yell things at me, a 9 year-old, that I wouldn't expect to see in an R-rated movie today. Hearing 40,000 of them all at once, "Dar-ryl. Dar-ryl." That chant still gets to me. I wanted to yell louder than all of them. I can still hear it echoing in my head. Just imagine what it's doing to him.

We need fewer Jay Lenos, those who have recycled Darryl-cocaine jokes since he was one of the best power hitters in baseball. We need more Joe Torres, those who continue to support Darryl both in person and in the media. Those who offer him jobs when he gets clean, chance after chance. Those who tell the press how hard it is to battle cancer, and how much harder it must be to battle it and an addiction. Be like Joe Torre.

The point is, Darryl is a drug addict. He doesn't kick puppies, he doesn't steal from old people and he doesn't shoot up nightclubs. He's an addict. And making the same old tired jokes is not helping. He has a problem, and needs help, not a nation laughing at him. He needs medical and psychiatric treatment, not a prison sentence. It is easy for most of America to say, "He had everything and he blew it." That is true. But what good does saying that do? Everyone knows it, and it just causes more and more ridicule. Put yourself in Darryl's shoes. You're not allowed to do the one thing you love most in the world, you're trapped in a battle with an addiction so powerful it owns you and you have a deadly disease festering inside your body. The next time you hear someone bad-mouth Darryl Strawberry, don't laugh. Do something different. Care.

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from BASEBALL page one

Klinar and freshman second baseman Brian Goettler, who was 2-for-4, each hammered home runs. Freshman pitcher Craig Rechichar is amazed by Goettler's power, "Goettler maybe just a little tike, but that doesn't stop him from feasting at the plate," Rechichar said.

Earlier in the week, Westminster dropped a heartbreaker to Pitt-Bradford, 5-2. The game was scoreless until sophomore third baseman Kevin Humberston tagged his first home run of the season into the lake, making the score 2-0. In the seventh inning, Boyle struggled and gave up four runs. Pitt-Bradford sealed the victory with an insurance run in the eighth inning.

The Titans began the week with a sweep of a double header against Hilbert College, 12-0 and 2-1. The diamondmen stroked 11 hits while taking advantage of seven Hilbert errors. Sophomore pitcher Matt Pournaras earned the shutout victory, improving his record to 1-1, by striking out seven and only allowing one walk in six innings. Freshman outfielder Tony Deane went 2-for-2 while Humberston added an RBI double.

The second game saw Hilbert tighten up their game and play more competitively. With the game knotted in the sixth inning, Culp cracked a solo home run for the game winning run. Voelp, who got the victory to improve his record to 1-1, pitched six strong innings only allowing one unearned run and six strikeouts. Boyle pitched a perfect seventh for the save.

When asked about his recent power surge and the Titans' performance, Klinar said, "The reason that we are 5-0 in the PAC is because we are playing outstanding defense while getting great innings out of our pitching staff and offensive production from the whole lineup, not just the top. My power has come from extra batting practice and talks with player/hitting coach Ben Yeckel. It is like having Rod Carew on the bench with us."

Latta, who wants more fans to catch Titan Fever, said, "It would be a debacle if the fine fans of WC didn't show up to create pandemonium for the Titan baseball team from beyond the right field fence."

The Titans are scheduled to play a three game series with Waynesburg starting today at home at 3 p.m.

SGA meeting covers variety of new topics

By Lindsey Braem
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association's Wednesday night meeting began with the new junior senators taking the oath of office.

President Lindsey Braem reported that the executive officers and committee chairs would be determining and posting their office hours. These times will be open to the senate and all students to voice their concerns.

As soon as office hours are set, Westminster students and faculty will be notified. The executive officers and committee chairs encourage the Westminster community to stop by during the set hours.

SGA Binders were passed out to the senate. These contain the SGA Goals for 2001-2002, the Constitution and By-Laws. It is requested that the senate bring these to every meeting.

Vice President Kylene Adams is still looking for volunteers for Volleyrock, scheduled to be held on May 5.

Another campus-wide e-mail will be sent concerning the associate positions on the Board of Trustees.

In order to qualify for one of these two positions, students are required to attend three board meetings and maintain a 2.0 QPA. The meetings are normally held in October and February.

To apply for this position, resumes are due by noon on Thursday in Student Affairs. Following this, interviews will be held by a nominating committee after Easter Break.

There are six standing SGA committees: Down Under/CPC, Academics, Finance, Judicial, Public Relations and Special Events. Each SGA senator is required to join one of these committees.

Students are needed for an Outcome Assessment Subcommittee.

This weekend is Lil' Sibs, and volunteers are needed on Saturday from 11-1 pm and 1-3 pm at the Titanic slide. Students are also needed to face paint for registration from 5-7 pm on Friday.

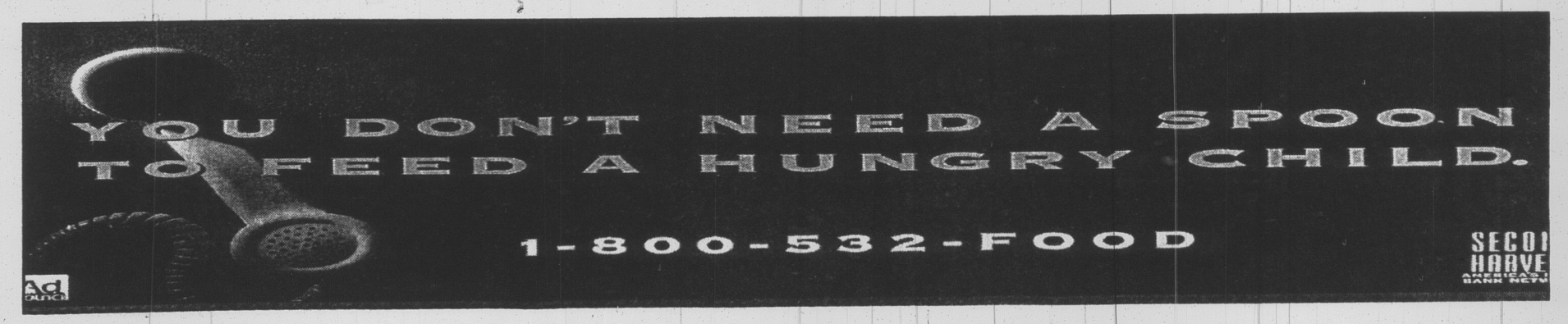
An informational meeting was held last week for any organization that receives allocations from SGA.

Audits and Allocations will take place next week Monday through Wednesday. For information about allocations, contact Dan DiDesiderio.

Kennywood College Day will be held on April 29 this year. Stefanie Maccaglia and the Special Events committee are in the process of opening this event up to the campus.

The Women's Track Club requested an allocation from the Senate on Wednesday. A request was made for $2692 and then changed to $2100. After deliberation, the Senate decided to allocate $1100 to this organization.

There are three more meetings of the Student Government left this year. The SGA Budget for 2001-2002 will be introduced for the senate's approval at next week's meeting.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

STAMPER & STALEY — Tomcats

Joseph Stamper

Tomcats begins with a bet between seven high school friends. Who can stay single the longest? Each of the *Tomcats* pays a couple hundred dollars yearly into the pot, which is then invested. One by one, over the years, the group members either get married or come out of the closet until only two *Tomcats* remain eligible for the prize. I should mention that after seven years, the pot has gotten up to a half million dollars.

Michael Delaney (Jerry O'Connell) is a cartoonist and one of the *Tomcats* still in the hunt for the half mill. While in Los Vegas, a stunning redhead lures him into dropping $51,000 on a craps game. The Casino boss, played by Bill Maher, gives him a month to pay off his debt or be killed.

At this point, I'm thinking no man is that stupid. Honestly fellas, we've all "tricked" (spent money in hopes of sexual benefits) a little in our lives. But spending $51,000 trying to impress a woman you don't even know is so ridiculous that it doesn't make a funny movie premise. On top of that, he didn't even get any play. Players Tip: It's okay to "trick" from time to time, but you should never feel obligated to do so. If you find yourself always paying, you're not playing-you're getting played.

So Michael decides that the only way to save his life is to win the bet. One problem: Kyle Brenner (Jake Busey), the other eligible Tomcat, is a rich playboy with no intentions on settling down. Michael decides to hook Kyle up with one of his former conquests, namely Natalie played by Shannon Elizabeth of *American Pie*. Natalie wants revenge for the way Kyle treated her and thinks up a scheme designed to get Kyle to the altar and her to the bank.

Stamper's Four Corner Breakdown

Date Movie-3

No! You would have to be dim-witted to take your significant other to a movie where the best scene revolves around a cancerous testicle.

Special FX-2

The special effects in this film were cheesy. I guess they were supposed to be funny. The only funny prop in the entire film was the cancerous testicle.

Star Power-5

Shannon Elizabeth is aesthetically pleasing to say the least, and gives a decent performance as the vengeance-driven Natalie. As for Jerry O'Connell and Jake Busey, this movie is a comedy, and neither one of them are comedians. In slapstick, someone funny, preferably a comedian, should play the main character. Somebody has to carry the movie during through the slow scenes and O'Connell just doesn't have what it takes.

Plot-5

Even though the movie's plot is...shall we say unintelligent, it's no worse than any other comedy I have seen recently. The problem wasn't the story; the problem is how far the director had to go to get a laugh.

Overall- Not Worth the Cash

There are three hilarious scenes in this movie, and about 20 scenes that aren't funny at all. And before all you men out there rush to see this flick for the T&A, there is no T&A. Not even a nip. Despite what the trailers led you to believe, nobody in *Tomcats* bares it all.

Beth Staley

Tomcats-by the name, audiences may think they're getting either a crazy cartoon or a zany sex comedy. Answer two is correct. The tomcats in this film are guys who pledge themselves to tomcat lifestyles, which includes the goal of never getting married. Thus, they place huge sums of money in a fund that will go to the final man playing around and staying single after everyone else is married.

Michael Delaney (Jerry O'Connell) originally came up with the idea of the bet to stay a tomcat forever, and when everyone is married off except him and Kyle Brenner (Jake Busey), Michael decides that he needs a new idea to get Kyle married. Michael needs the money after a gambling mistake that puts him in debt and leaves him about thirty days to come up with thousands of dollars. If he doesn't find the money somewhere, he'll be killed.

Nonetheless, this movie isn't serious. Gregory Poirier started his career writing plots for porn flicks, and his roots show as he writes and directs *Tomcats*. Not only does Poirier show extremely bad taste in his writing, but his direction is a one-way street to the gutter without much humor. Remember the silhouette scenes that were so funny in *Austin Powers?* Well, Poirier has copied such moments, but with less brilliance.

The redeemers of *Tomcats* are Jerry O'Connell and Natalie Parker, who plays Shannon Elizabeth. O'Connell and Parker have great screen presence as well as talent, and it's a shame they have to be associated with *Tomcats*, an entirely uncreative movie.

O'Connell plays the only normal male character, and Parker plays the only normal female character. O'Connell develops sincerity, honesty and the need for a legitimate relationship. Unfortunately, the other men in *Tomcats* are characterized only by strange quirks and sexual preferences.

Likewise, Parker is characterized by her intelligence, beauty and bravery. However, she is the only female in *Tomcats* who isn't a stripper, S&M freak, promiscuous bar hopper or disloyal wife. In fact, the women in this movie are treated worse than the men. They have no substance or notable place in the movie other than as eye candy.

Tomcats is driven first by a lack of clothing, and second by a lack of plot and good characters. The movie has no positive message, no valuable ideas and an ending that seems all too convenient. Poirier should not be allowed to make, or rather, fake movies. *Tomcats* tries to be a movie, but it doesn't really deserve to be one. Erase *Tomcats* from your mind; don't bother to see it.

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"The Decade in Music"

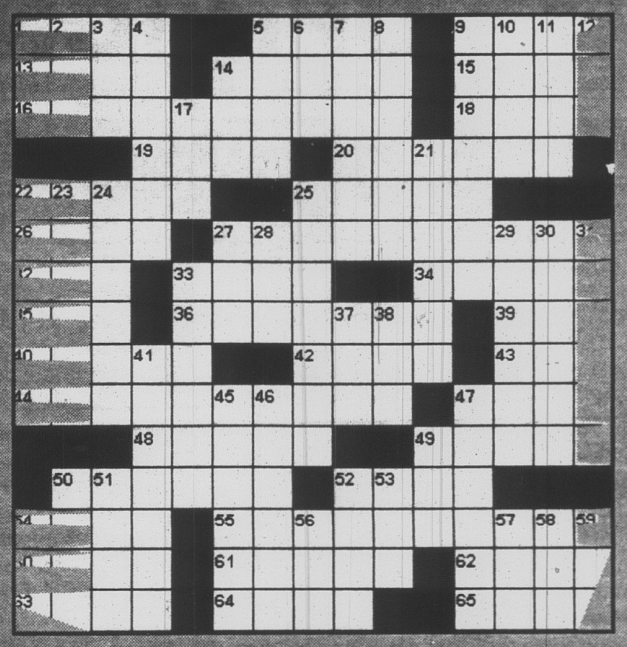
By Matt Gaffney

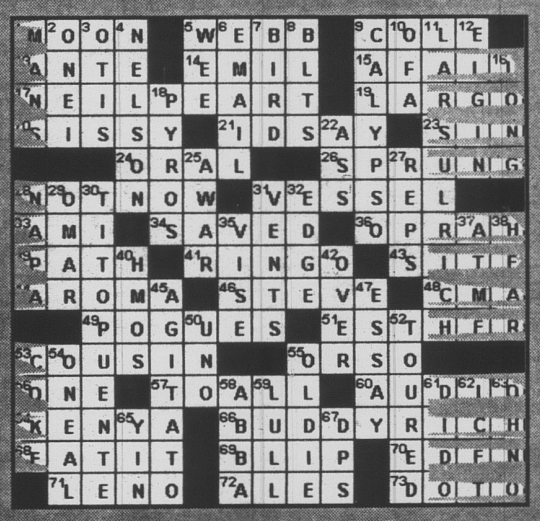
Across

1 Wild hog
5 Sting's "We Work the Black ___"
9 The Who name
13 Big name in speakers
14 Heart chambers
15 "___ Fire"
16 His rockin' and rollin' defined the 1950s
18 ___ A (kind of session)
19 Utah city
20 Holy place for Japanese
22 States for the court
25 ___ hole in (rip)
26 Clint Eastwood film about Charlie Parker
27 His deep soul-searching music defined the 1960s
32 "And I'm gonna be high ___ kite by then" ("Rocket Man")
33 ___-Loc
34 Practice piece for a solo instrument
35 Rebukes to loud concertgoers
36 Their light, sweet vocals defined the 1970s
39 Comedienne Arthur
40 January, to Ricky Martin
42 The Turtles' "___ Any Wonder"
43 Cousin ___ of "The Addams Family"
44 Their slick new wave style defined the 1980s
47 Concert ticket info
48 Grand Ole Opry legend Minnie
49 Bats use it
50 Plural of Mr.
52 Honolulu's island
54 Ian Astbury's old band
55 His brooding grunge music defined the 1990s
60 Bonnie Tyler's "___ Heartache"
61 Thrill
62 Wheels for music stars
63 "Doe, a ___..."
64 Warsaw Pact foe
65 Stats for pitchers

Down

1 Where you might catch a Beatles documentary
2 "___ Baby Baby" (Smokey Robinson tune)
3 Tempe sch.
4 It may be platinum
5 Part of a daisy
6 Go wrong
7 Pilots
8 One of Toots' backup singers
9 Pleasantly sharp
10 Key of some compositions: abbr.
11 Sultry Braxton
12 "West ___ Girls"
14 16th prez
17 Rapper ___-One
21 Most like a bird
22 Degraded
23 Part of the supreme Hindu trinity
24 Pencil part
25 Everything But ___
27 Jackson or Cocker
28 U2 hit
29 From Sudan, maybe
30 Alabama-born folk legend
31 More in order
33 Some steaks
37 That, in Tegucigalpa
38 Article for Nena
41 Eminem or Dr. Dre
45 Put the lights out
46 Sci-fi writer LeGuin or actress Andress
47 "___ Vision"
49 Black Crowes album "___ 'Nuff"
50 Remote control button
51 "Who ___ is gonna bring you a broken arrow" (Rod Stewart lyric)
52 Conductor Klemperer
53 Mr. Frehley
54 Spanish hero El ___
56 Boomtown resident?
57 ___ guitar
58 It precedes "Believer" or "Loser"
59 Rejections





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TAURUS

You may feel as if there are too many things to decide on. Take the time to read, write and express your thoughts on paper. By doing so, you may feel an awakening of ideas you shared with someone long ago.

GEMINI

This week's scenario is highlighted by the rediscovery of higher education and using reliable ideas to accomplish your goals. Miscommunications or misunderstandings may occur, if you don't choose your words carefully.

CANCER

Stress your independence, creativity, style and an unusual aspect of your character. Take on the leadership role and make sure you heed your own counsel and make yourself feel at home in any situation.

LEO

Recent events will make you aware of how precious life is. Stay focused on bringing your greatest asset to the forefront, your confidence.

VIRGO

You're tired of listening to others complain that "life's not fair". Open their eyes to the reality that exists and how to make changes. Participate in encouraging others to make real positive changes in their lives.

LIBRA

You'll be impressed with a new discovery and will want to tell the whole world. Be it in a personal relationship or business dealing, you will reach a very positive goal. Focus your energy full force.

SCORPIO

Whether it be for business or for pleasure, take advantage of the situation by setting the standards for all concerned. Talk to important people; make plans to provide them with an unusual service.

SAGITTARIUS

Something that you experience this week will spark you to discover new ways to achieve your goals. Answers will come more easily than usual. Many ideas or new procedures will become an interesting change.

CAPRICORN

Your life seems to have gone completely off kilter lately. You seem to have been pushed off track of your interests and goals. Other situations have taken over and become a real priority to you.

AQUARIUS

Sometimes you may feel as if you can conquer anything and maybe you can, but remember to thank those who have helped you on your way. They need to feel your respect and your love.

PISCES

You need to put things into a more positive perspective. Things seem to be going extremely well, but you may feel as if something is missing. You'll be able to achieve your immediate goals if you learn to listen to others.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

It's horrible when some people would try to deny the chance to gain experience because of their own pride and bigotry.

SGA- Nice office hours. The office is there 24 hours, but the exec. board is never there. Way to go -- new slate, same as old.

Why does campus security feel the need to drive on sidewalks to every door? It tracks mud everywhere! I'd hope my campus security was fit enough to park close and walk the rest of the way.

I just love how some guys on this campus think it's ok to cheat.

I like juice at the cafeteria!

Why is room drawing such an organized debacle of unfair chaos? I don't understand...

It must be really tough to run track in this crappy weather!

Why are independent men not allowed in fraternities? If you are a WC student, you should have the same priveldges as Greek men. What if you can't afford to be in a frat???

Why don't all the sinks in Ferguson's bathrooms work?

Why are pennies and nickels larger than dimes?

Why does the TUB only exchange meals for food until 9:30? People DO eat dinner at 10:00 p.m.

I love the way housing selections were ghetto. Hello? Could the RD's be more rude.

The subs from the TUB are great. I'd just like to give a shout out to Joyce.

Are we all alcoholics?

Why didn't any upperclassmen know that you could do Head of the Class?

The person who said college is the best four years of your life, obviously didn't go here.

Why do guys on this campus feel the need to lead you on, lie to you, and eventually break your hear??? It happens every time.

Sometimes... I just hate everyone.

Why is it that the ladies in the bookstore act like you are a complete idiot every time you ask a question?

OUR VIEW: Contest results

It's amazing what ploys people will use to prompt readership at big papers, but we recently realized it works at smaller papers as well. But we didn't have the April Fools' contest so you would read the paper, we did it so you could have fun.

The results were amazing.

First of all, we carefully calculated 25 mistakes. No one found those 25, but most of the things people pointed out were in fact mistakes. It was a rather humbling experience.

Let us start by explaining that it was a bad week for us. For some strange reason the pictures on the front page did not turn out in color and we forgot to check the page numbers, but all of our mistakes were in and that's what was important.

The most humbling of all were the mistakes concerning grammatical and layout errors. Those were important for us to hear, but a little closer to home.

We also got some responses on things that were not mistakes. For example, Weird News is weird news and not world news. All of the rants and raves were real. We do not edit the rants and raves, so if they don't make sense, that's not our fault. All of the articles, except the Our view, were legit. And yes, Joshua Storey is a real person, he's our newly hired cartoonist.

Thank you all for your comments. Many gave us ideas for improvement. Others were just entertaining.

We appreciate everyone's participation and it was with great distress that we had to pick a winner. Since our mistake was that we would have more than 25 mistakes, we had to go with what it said in the rules "the first one to find the correct 25 mistakes." While no one guessed all 25 as we had planned, we had to pick who had the most. That person was Danyelle Muscarella with 20 out of 25. The mistakes are as follows.

All of the rants and raves were real. We do not edit the rants and raves, so if they don't make sense, that's not our fault.

1. Pink ink on the front page
2. Labor Day instead of April Fools' Day in the calendar
3. Drugs Do You ad upside down
4. Horoscopes and crossword upside down
5. Oxford ad sideways
6. No A's in the Horoscope names
7. Serving WC since 1482
8. Changed names in *Holcad* box
9. "14 minutes" on front page instead of "15 minutes"
10. Amber wins
11. Depression ad flipped
12. CHEESE!
13. Picture of the back of Sara's head
14. The picture of the back of Sara's head couldn't have been taken by Sara
15. "Choose your own adventure" ending to Sara's column
16. Your view
17. The editorial
18. Biff Henderson instead of Beth Staley in movie review
19. Creature page
20. Rant and Rant
21. This week featuring me me me me
22. This week in sporks
23. Amber doesn't win on the classified page
24. Page 10 twice
25. Forgot to make the last mistake

We all know that last one didn't work out. Thanks to all who participated.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reply to the "Our View" article on off-campus housing. I disagree with the stance of the author of the article. Off-campus housing is a very big deal to many students on campus. Drawing for off-campus housing is one of the things that many students look forward to doing as an upperclassman.

Sure Westminster offers housing for all students. It is a great idea; many colleges do not have the housing capacity for all students. However it is nice to have a choice. There are many downsides to living on campus. Some examples are you do not have access to any cooking appliances other than a microwave, have quiet hours, share bathroom facilities and share laundry facilities. Students on campus (and thus living on-campus) can not use tobacco or alcohol if they are of legal age (don't misunderstand me, I am not one that supports the use of either.)

Living off-campus also gives a student a better idea what it is like to be completely responsible for oneself if they have not had the experience. Nobody is there to watch out for you, take out the trash or fix the windows. You have to arrange to pay for rent, utilities and repairs. There is also the attraction of wanting to live off-campus just because you can. Very few students are able to each semester and it has somewhat of a prestige to it.

I believe that off-campus housing is a valuable alternative for many students because of the reasons I have stated, even if some students do not.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lauffer

Dear Editor,

In response to Sara Bozich's letter to the editor, while I respect her opinion and realize that sex does sell, I do not believe it belongs in a sport's magazine, especially an upstanding one like *Sports Illustrated*. As a female athlete, this edition tells me that, while I bust my butt at practices and workouts, women who flaunt their super-skinny, non-athletic bodies in skimpy bathing suits will sell more issues than articles about women's sports. Fewer than 10 percent of *Sports Illustrated* editorial pages are ever devoted to women's athletic achievements. Women receive the most attention in *Sports Illustrated* when they remove their clothes and pose for the swimsuit issue. There are many other magazines for this, such as *Cosmopolitan* and *Glamour*. If I want fashion, I look at those. If I want sports, I look at a sports magazine. Finally, these women are being paid a lot of money to do those photo shoots and, while I may not agree with it, I respect them for their career choice. I just think that there is a time and a place for these pictures, and it is not in *Sports Illustrated*.

Sincerely,

Meredith Etcher

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the "rant and rave" comment that theatre majors are cast not based on ability, but rather on major. As a major, I was highly offended and I also am infuriated because it also insults our wonderful director. Not to mention the fact that so far, ALL YEAR only 2 MAJORS have been cast in lead roles.

Anyone who knows our director knows she is one of few that will LITERALLY AGONIZE over casting, because we have so many talented people who audition. She will make personal visits to explain her casting choices and will also work with us on growing and developing our talents. She makes a point that we are in "educational" theatre, not professional- where the stage is a venue for learning, growing and experimenting.

The person who wrote that is obviously very jealous, immature, and unappreciative of the chance we have to be a part of the theatre department, when we have this superb director. Furthermore, by taking the action to "rant and rave," rather than take a crew position on the show where you could learn more, expand your experiences, and work with a wealth of gifted people- you have proven yourself to be one with the IN-ability you have so readily "ranted" about.

There have been times where I have doubted casting and have been jealousy-struck as well, but in the end, the cast turned out to be a perfect fit for the show chosen.

I challenge anyone to come and see The Heiress, May 2-5 and then say the cast was not one of ability!! Every member of the cast is more than able and will put together a fantastic show, as we always do.

Dramatically Yours-

Kristen Kress

Letter Policy

Letters to the editor are published weekly, as space permits. All letters much be submitted to *the Holcad* office by 12 pm Monday to be published in the Friday issue.

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FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring Crystal Lynn Schumacher and Dr. David Charles Twining

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Name: Crystal Lynn Schumacher
Hometown: Baldwin, PA Located in the South Hills of Pittsburgh
Nickname: "Maker" "Crys" "Beaners"
Year at WC: Freshman
Sign: Gemini
Major: Broadcast Communications
Pet Peeves: "Probably snoring and room drawings."

SB: Would you rather have $100 or a puppy and why?
Maker: $100 because I'd put it in my bank and I already have a dog and a cat. I could use the money for shopping.
SB: Is there a television show that you're secretly addicted to?
Maker: I don't really watch that much TV. In the summer, I catch up on my soaps, *The Bold and the Beautiful* and *The Young and the Restless*.
SB: If you could go back in time to any decade, which would you choose and why?
Maker: Probably if I was a princess in Egypt...that'd be cool.
SB: What is your ancestry?
Maker: German, Irish, Norwegian-basically I'm a mutt.
SB: What was the last dream you had?
Maker: I don't remember dreams at all.

Crystal Lynn Schumacher

Dr. David Charles Twining

Name: David Charles Twining
Hometown: Fairview Park, OH
Nickname: "Dave"
Year at WC: 12th
Sign: Pisces
Department: History
Pet Peeve: "Television commercials."

SB: Would you rather have $100 or a puppy and why?
Twining: $100 because I already have a cat.
SB: Is there a television show that you're secretly addicted to?
Twining: *West Wing*-it's not a secret.
SB: If you could go back in time to any decade, which would you choose and why?
Twining: 1770s-to observe the founding fathers and the struggle for freedom.
SB: What is your ancestry?
Twining: 50% English, 25% Czechoslovakian, 25% German
SB: What was the last dream you had?
Twining: I can't remember...[long pause]...I really can't, I'm not hiding any thing.

Lil' Sibs for a younger crowd

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

This weekend celebrates WC's annual Lil' Sibs. The weekend is chock full of family events, specifically for younger brothers and sisters of Westminster's finest. Activities vary each year but include things like the Dance Theatre performance, swimming, movies and crafts. Parents pay a fee and send their youngest offspring off to college life.

Student Affairs has done a wonderful job this year with publicity and t-shirts. I think they are the best-looking ones yet. However, every year this event puzzles me. Obviously Lil' Sibs Weekend is a popular enough event or it would have been discontinued by now. But my sister is 19 years old. When I was a freshman, she was 16. She does not want to finger-paint. She does not want to watch *Free Willy*.

I am just unsure that there is a large number of college-aged students who have siblings that much younger than them. I would assume that of all college students that are the oldest, most of their siblings, on average, are probably no more than five years younger than they are. That would put the youngest at age 15, an angst-ridden teenager only interested in growing up.

My sister never came up for this weekend and now she is a college student herself, making her even less interested in coming here for that. I think it is a nice idea that the school would sponsor this event, but I do not know anyone with an eight-year-old brother. If Lil' Sibs Weekend was a recruiting event, WC could have loaded my sister up with a free t-shirt and some wings and perhaps Keri would have been persuaded to come here and there wouldn't be Washington & Jefferson stickers all over our car now.

But I guess we have recruitment weekends for that. My suggestion to Lil' Sibs Week-and may they continue-is that they begin to target older "lil'" siblings. I would like my sister to come visit me on a weekend when there are scheduled activities for us to do together. However, I would prefer it was something targeted more towards our ages.

Ogakor gives Jerri the boot, Amber begins to feel the heat

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

With the dismissal of Jerri last week on Survivor, Amber faces, for the first time, the idea that she may not be around much longer. Will her bond with the in-your-face, chocolate and sex-crazed Jerri put Amber in jeopardy?

The rewards challenge may have yielded the best prize yet. In a single elimination obstacle course, where Barramundi tribe members are teamed with another person, Colby and Jerri are pitted against Amber and Keith. Unfortunately, Amber and Keith's efforts were not good enough as Jerri and Colby race to the finish line first.

Their reward was a day in the Great Barrier Reefs with an elaborate meal and the opportunity to snorkel. As with every winner of the rewards challenge, the other tribe members look on in muted jealousy.

When Jerri and Amber return, Colby presents everyone else with a piece of coral. Jerri's shock (she did not seem to know) was obvious when the others gathered around Colby and thanked him for his gifts.

The immunity challenge consisted of a series of balancing and coordination events. Amber makes it to the second round, but is unable to beat Nick who eventually beats out Colby in the final round.

Going to tribal council, everyone suspects Elisabeth to get knocked out as the old Ogakor members seem to be slowly picking off members of the old Kucha tribe. To the surprise of everyone, they look beyond tribal lines and vote Jerri off. Amber was not made aware of this, and it is obvious at the end of the show that she begins to feel vulnerable - maybe for the first time.

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HEALTH

Q-tip usage could be doing more harm than good

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

"The largest thing you should put in your ear should be your elbow," said Judy Duda, Health Center Director. Using a Q-tip disrupts the ear's natural process of cleaning itself and can cause many painful problems.

According to the Merck Manual of Medical Information, the ear canal cleans itself by moving dead skin cells from the eardrum out the canal. By using a Q-tip, earwax is then pushed farther into the back of the ear.

"It causes muffled hearing and discomfort, some people even think they have an ear infection from the buildup of wax," Duda said.

When this buildup occurs, it is much easier to get an infection as water and debris are trapped in the back of the ear near the eardrum. Pain and itching can also result from buildup in the ear.

In a worst-case scenario, the eardrum could be ruptured by simply using a Q-tip.

If an ear infection occurs, eardrops and antibiotics must be taken and a physician must properly clean the ear. After the ear has been cleaned, hearing usually returns to normal.

Not everyone experiences such a problem with his or her ears.

"Some people just have more problems with earwax than others," Duda said.

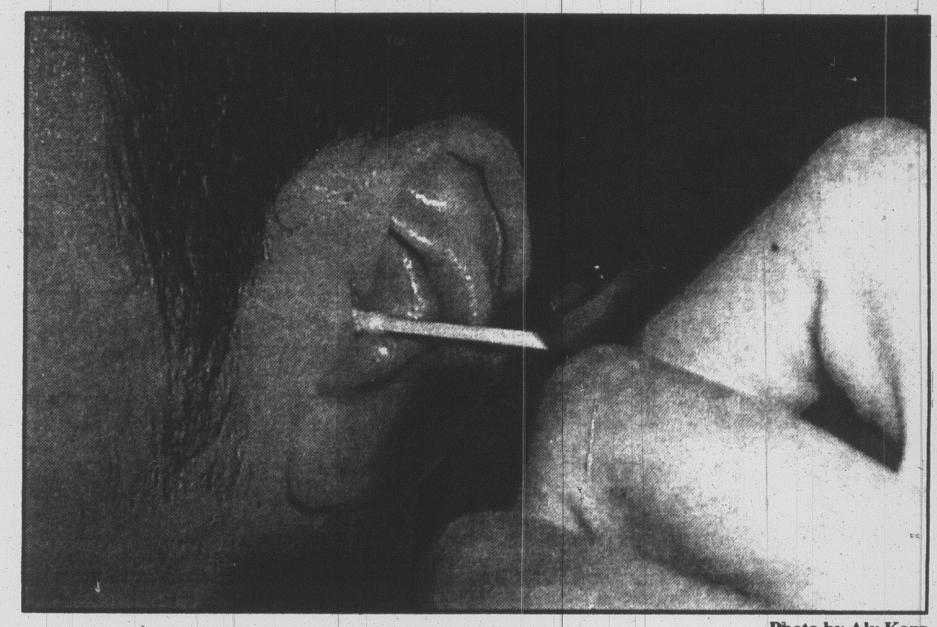
Duda sees about two people a month due to earwax problems. Usually the people come in thinking they have an ear infection, while the pain is due to buildup problems.

"The best way to clean your ear is when you shower, or are washing your hair, the soap will clean your ears," Duda said. "Drops of peroxide will loosen wax and it will come out on its own," Duda said, suggesting another safe way to clean the ear.

Be sure to dry out the ears after swimming, as water creates bacteria and irritation.

"Even use a hairdryer to dry them if you need to," Duda said.

Placing anything in your ear can be quite harmful and can cause some major problems for the ear. Duda summed up the right use for Q-tips saying, "Just don't use them, Q-tips are best used for makeup, not for ears."



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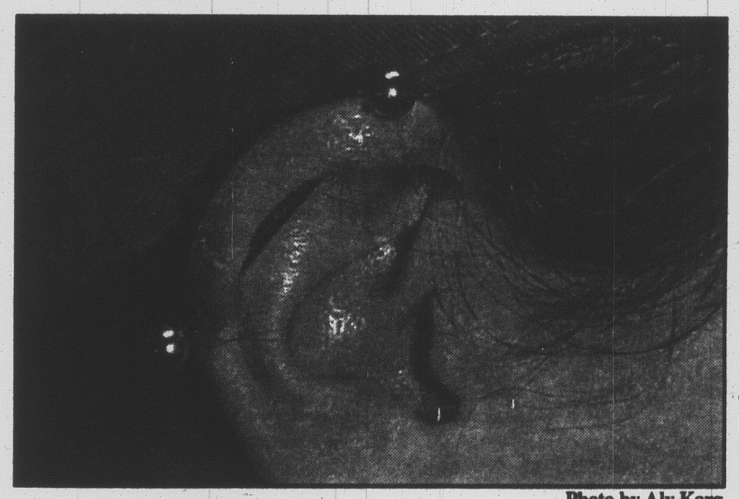
What not to do with a Q-tip.

Proper aftercare ensures a more enjoyable piercing



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With people getting anything and everything pierced, proper hygiene is crucial.

By James Baron
STAFF WRITER

While piercing one's body in places other than the ear lobe is common these days, proper hygiene is not always common knowledge. There are certain critical aspects of cleanliness that you should make sure the parlor follows before you choose where to pierce. There are tips that the artists should give you, but they may not always supply all the information you need for aftercare Proper hygiene is the difference between a satisfactory piercing and weeks of pain.

First of all, you should make sure the studio that you are going to meets health standards. This means that they must be registered with the county health department, and they must have an annual inspection by the health department. It would be a good idea if the person who is going to do the piercing attends conferences such as the annual Association of Professional Piercers, where they offer courses in anatomy, aftercare and jewelry. Also, certification courses are available for OSHA Blood borne Pathogens, Red Cross CPR and First Aid.

All of the reusable items should be cleaned in a strong disinfectant for an adequate amount of time. Next, these items should be put through an ultrasonic bath that removes all of the stubborn dirt. Once the reusable items are dried, they should be stored in a sanitary container such as an autoclave until they are used again. The piercing rooms should obviously be cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis.

For allergy concerns, non-latex gloves should be worn, povidone iodine should be replaced with some other sort of surgical scrub such as Techni-Care, and sterile water-based lubricant should be used instead of antibiotic ointment.

A piercing is very susceptible to infection during the healing period. Appropriate aftercare is very important to make sure that it does not become infected. It will take six months to a year for the skin to completely heal from the piercing, and only then can you remove the jewelry for any period of time. Once it heals, the skin will round inwards, making the jewelry easier to move. While the skin is healing, be sure to never force the jewelry to rotate without first applying warm water to allow the skin to expand. It is normal for a sticky and off-white lymph discharge to crust around the openings of the piercing.

If you have pain, swelling, inflammation, excessive redness, and a discharge of yellow or green pus, you most likely have an infection. If this is the case, you should contact your doctor.

If you have redness, irritation, and itching or burning when you clean your piercing, then you most likely have sensitivity to the cleaning product that you are using. Over-cleaning and not rinsing completely will cause the piercing to become dry and cracked.

You may be sensitive to the jewelry if there is increasing redness and inflammation, itching, and a colorless discharge. Your body will try to reject the jewelry.

If you have any specific questions, you should talk to your piercist, or doctor.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled Tuesday, April 10, noon-6 p.m. in the Tub Lounge. Contact the Student Affairs Office to help reach our goal of 100 pints.

A SOUP & SANDWICH BUFFET LUNCH is scheduled Tuesday, April 10, from 11:30-1:00 p.m. at the New Wilmington United Methodist Church. Enjoy a variety of soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts. The proceeds from this event will go to the Outreach Commission for a work mission trip to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Ky.

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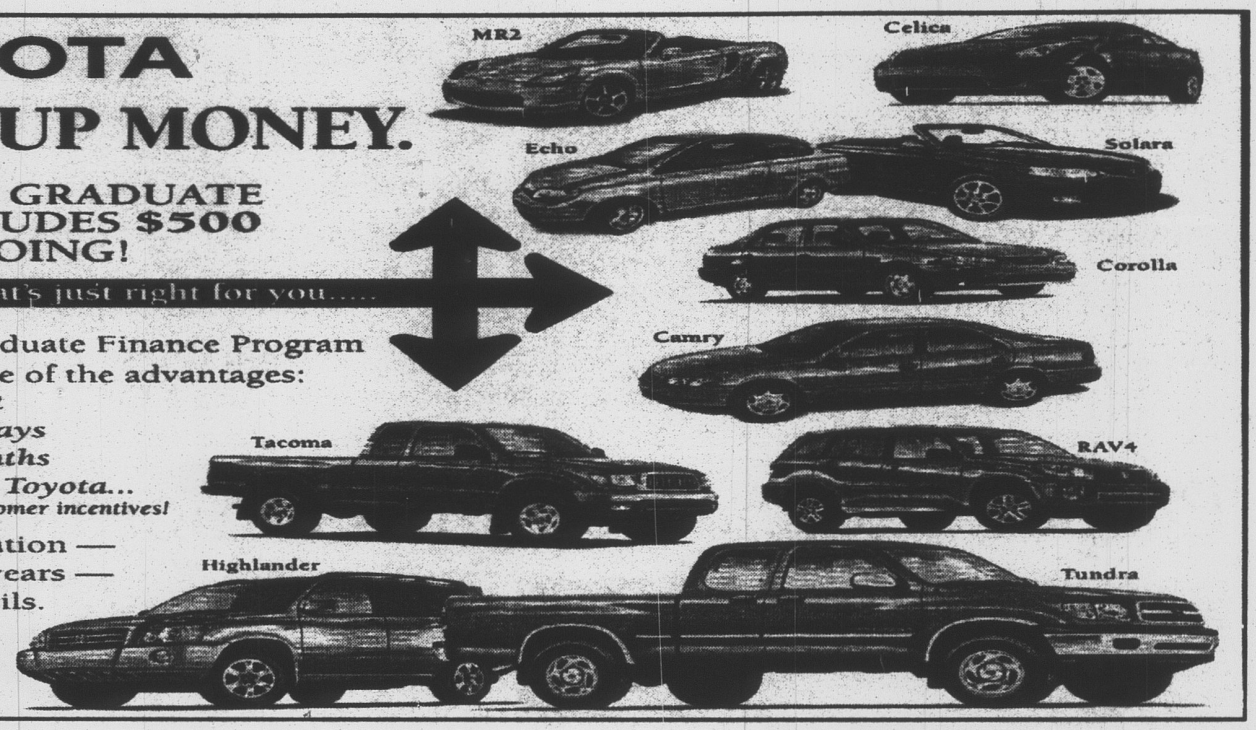

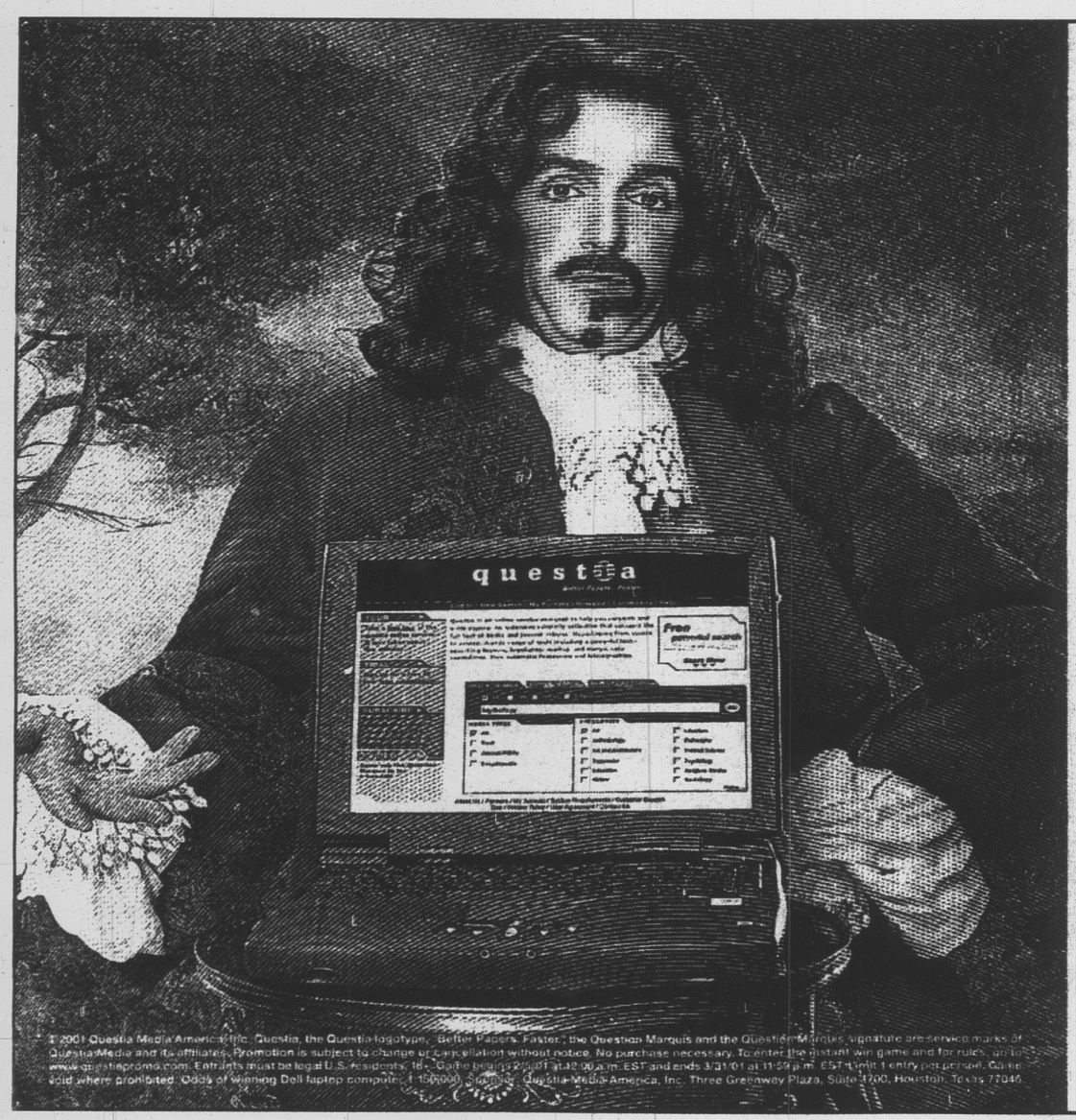

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11:40 a.m. Chapel
3:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Waynesburg (H)
Noon - 5:30 p.m. Career Center's Internship/Summer Job Day - TUB Lounge
8:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Spring Concert - Orr Auditorium
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 7
Lil' Sibs Weekend
11:30 a.m. Men's Tennis @ Waynesburg
Noon Reception for Parents following Convocation — TUB Lounge
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ Waynesburg
1:00 p.m. Softball vs. Thiel (H)
2:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Spring Concert - Orr Auditorium
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents: Michael Dean Ester (comedian) — Down Under

SUNDAY 8
PALM SUNDAY
PASSOVER
Lil' Sibs Weekend
3:00 p.m. Westminster Chorale Concert - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Vespers
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 9
EARLY REGISTRATION FOR FALL SEMESTER - TUB A/B
Softball @ Waynesburg
11:40 a.m. Chapel
1:00 p.m. Golf @ W & J Invitational
3:00 p.m. Softball @ Waynesburg
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 150
6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Room Selection for Students Without Roommates — TUB A/B
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
7:30 p.m. Newman Club Reconciliation — Chapel
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230

TUESDAY 10
EARLY REGISTRATION FOR FALL SEMESTER - TUB A/B
10:00 a.m. CCO Team Meeting — Down Under
Noon to 6:00 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive - TUB Lounge
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)
4:00 p.m. Last Lecture Series — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal — Orr Auditorium
7:00 p.m. Greek Week Committee Meeting — TUB A/B
8:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel

WEDNESDAY 11
EARLY REGISTRATION FOR FALL SEMESTER - TUB A/B
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Kathy Koop, "Rustic Furniture: Teaching an Old Dog New Tricks" - TUB A/B
3:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Grove City (H)
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 p.m. Tempus Fugit Percussion Concert — Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TUB A/B
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting - Location TBA
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - CFH 111
9:00 p.m. Rotaract Meeting — TUB A/B
9:30 p.m. Seekers - Down Under

THURSDAY 12
Last Meal Before Break (Board Plan): LUNCH
8:00 a.m. Holy Day Service — Chapel
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - TUB A/B
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ Grove City
2:00 p.m. TUB Grille Closes For Break
3:00 p.m. Softball vs. W & J (H)
6:00 p.m. Residence Halls Close for Easter Break
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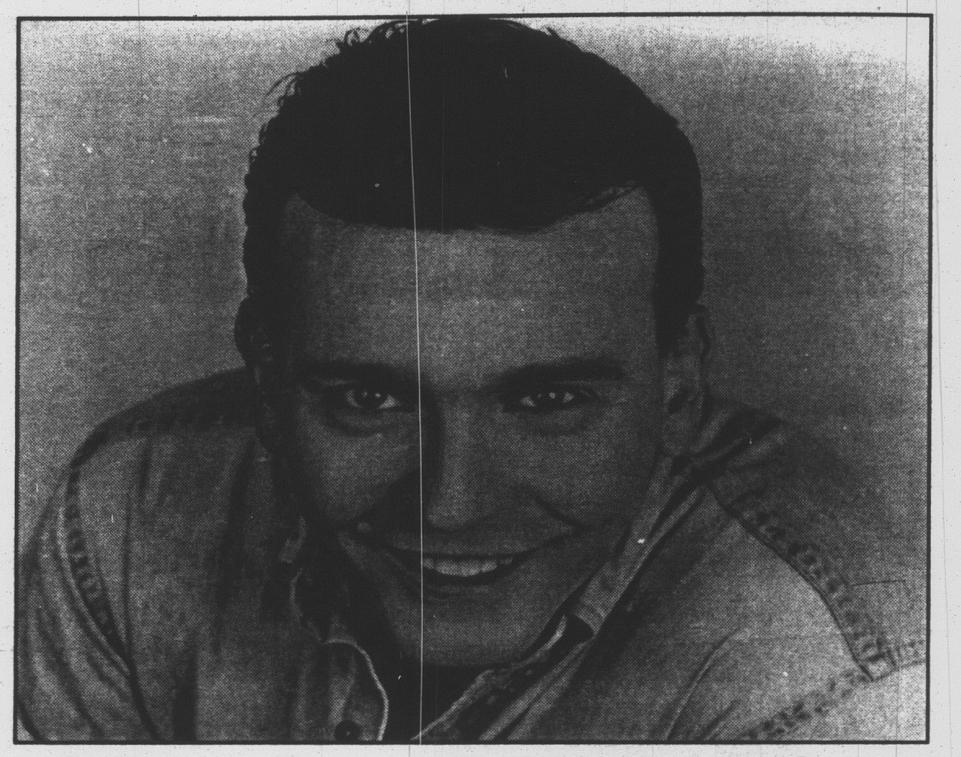

Michael Dean Ester to perform

By Kendra McClymonds
A & E EDITOR

Another weekend at Westminster brings another comedian to the Down Under. This Saturday at 8 pm, Michael Dean Ester will perform his act, "Campus Comedy." Admission and refreshments are free of charge.

What is "Campus Comedy?" From orientation to graduation, it's comedy about college life. According to Neon Entertainment, if Ester didn't experience it, wonder about it, or worry about it as a college student - it's not in his act. Perhaps that is why his unique style of campus comedy has been honored by NACA with over a dozen regional showcase selections and a standing ovation at the NACA National Conference in 1999.

Ester has been featured on Comedy Central, E! Entertainment Television, and in the 1998 movie, Senseless with actor David Spade.

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TUB to be relocated during renovation

By Jacquelyn Selznick
STAFF WRITER

With construction of the new campus center scheduled to begin this June, many Westminster students are left wondering where everything inside the TUB will be relocated to next year.

One of the first concerns for students when they return to campus next fall will be where to buy books. Currently plans are to move the bookstore to the lower level of Old 77, the area that is now the dance studio.

Junior dance theatre secretary Jamie Freund is worried that dance theatre members may have no place to practice. "The lower level of Old 77 is really the only place we can hold practices," Freund said. "No other place around campus has the bars, mirrors, and hard-wood floors that we need for dance."

Along with the bookstore, the mailroom will also call the lower level of Old 77 home for the next year.

The TUB Grill will share space with McGuiness dining hall next year. McGuiness will be divided in half, and students will access the TUB through the McGuiness doors. The Duff entrance will be used as the only entrance into the dining hall.

The dining hall will need to be rearranged next year to accommodate room for the TUB. The International line will move to where the salad bar is currently, the Classics line and pizza will move to where the International food is now, and the salad and sandwich bars will be moved into the small conference dining room. The Grill will remain in the same spot.

Jeff Creveling, General Manager of the dining services, feels that the dining halls should not be affected too greatly by the rearrangements.

"I expect everything to work out fine," he said. "During the construction, we will remain flexible and serve the students as best as we

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Plans for the new campus center.

Amber leaves Survivor II after 33 days

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Amber and friends.

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

We watched as she first appeared from the Australian military plane and carried supplies into the Outback with her new team. We grimaced as she took one for the team - downing a really big bug. We judged as she grew close to Jerri, as we knew that would probably cost her the contest. Whether or not that was the reason, Westminster's favorite Survivor, Amber, was cast out of the Outback last week.

Amber played well in challenges she faced in her last few days in the Outback. She almost beat Colby in the reward challenge, even taking the lead at one point in the rope course. What she really needed to win, however, was immunity, and that too was taken by the Texan.

In her last words, Amber expressed relief, a common sentiment of newly cast-off contestants. Unlike most of the others, however, Amber declared her pride. She was pleased with her ability to last 33 days in Australia.

As the latest Survivor to get the boot, Amber is now experiencing what things are like as a media spectacle. Rumors are flying about an appearance on the "Howard Stern Show," and she has already appeared on "The Early Show" with Bryant Gumbel.

In an interview with Gumbel, Amber stated, "I guess, you know, I needed to be...more die-hard about the game. I needed to be a little bit more conniving and thinking more about the game."

Like most female Survivor contestants, Amber has been asked to pose for the popular male magazine, Playboy. When Gumbel questioned her about posing, she did not dismiss the idea, "I have my whole life ahead of me. I'm ready for every

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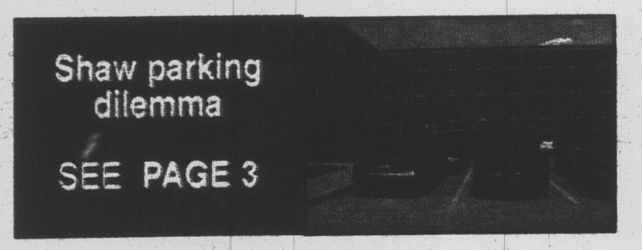

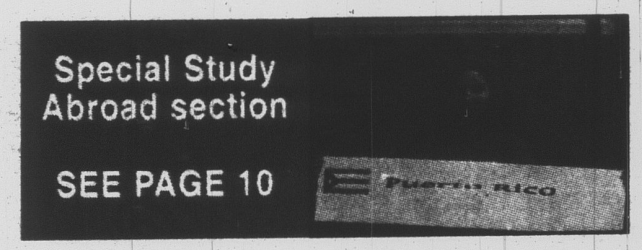

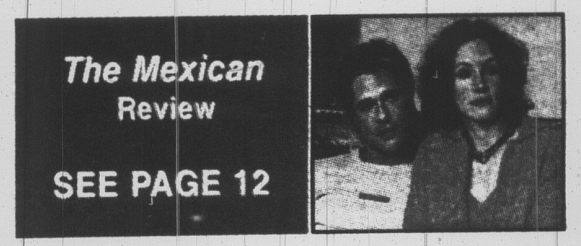

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CAMPUS NEWS

Relay For Life to be held Saturday at the track

By Pam Stennis
STAFF WRITER

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity is sponsoring the fourth annual Relay For Life to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Saturday, April 21 begins a day of festivities at Burry Stadium.

Food stands will be set up, clowns will be parading around and there will also be a fireworks show.

There will be teams of ten made up of faculty, students and people of the community. There must be at least one person from each team walking at all times.

"Relay for life is a great way to bring the campus and the community together for such a great cause," Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Camille Hawthorne said.

All of the donations made at Relay For Life will be turned over to the American Cancer Society. People are also able to buy luminaries in memory of a loved one or a survivor of cancer.

"We hope to have a really good turnout from the campus and the community, and we want everyone to have a great time," Alpha Sigma Phi President Jim Houser said.

Relay For Life has had an extremely good turnout for the last three years.

"I really enjoy Relay For Life because it is great to see people coming out and supporting the cause," said junior Janis Sylves.

Each team is working very hard to get donations and to get the word out about Relay For Life.

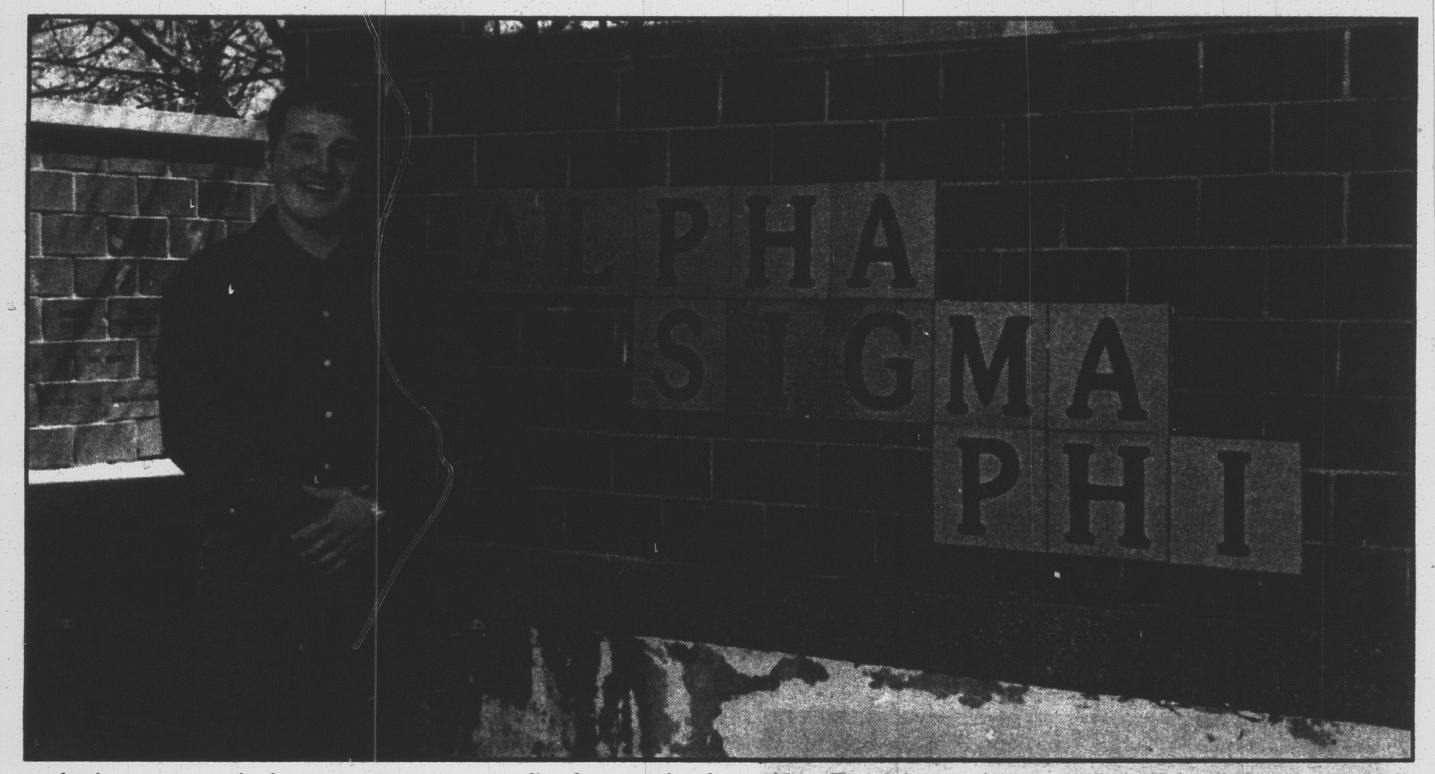
Even people who are not going to be on a team can come out and enjoy the activities.

"I'm bringing down my little sister and brother, so while I walk they can enjoy the clowns," said freshman Kara Stivason.

Relay For Life will take place April 21 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Event grows under the leadership of Alpha Sig Dan DiDesiderio

By Ellen List
GLOBE LEADER CONTRIBUTOR



Like many other college freshmen, Danny DiDesiderio chose his fraternity based on sincerity of friendships within the existing membership. But he also had another reason. He joined Alpha Sigma Phi because his mother had cancer.

"I was a junior year [sic] in high school when my mom [found out] that she had cancer," said Danny. "I was shocked...You never think something like this can happen to you. Worried and scared, I didn't know what was going to happen."

However, "what happened" was a series of events that, within two and a half years, would come full circle on the track of Westminster College. This chain of events would eventually connect three people that, as of yet, had never met: Danny DiDesiderio, Mike Zebrine and Dr. Peter Macky-and cancer would be the tie.

In September of 1996, Danny's junior year at Wilmington Area High School, a Pittsburgh boy, Mike Zebrine, started his freshman year at Westminster.

In the spring of '97, numerous events occurred simultaneously. Danny's mother, Peggy DiDesiderio, had been diagnosed with cancer, and by April chemotherapy was well underway. At the same time, across town, on the Westminster campus, Zebrine was attending the memorial service of one of Westminster's much-loved professors, Dr. Peter Macky, head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, and soccer coach, who had died of cancer at the age of 59. Zebrine had been elected as Philanthropy chairman of his fraternity with the hope that he might expand their charity fundraising efforts-and his personal goal, largely because of Dr. Macky, was to direct that effort toward the fight against cancer.

Shortly thereafter, while Danny's mother was undergoing a Stem Cell Rescue (similar to a Bone Marrow Transplant), Zebrine was meeting with the Lawrence County American Cancer Society, inquiring about holding a fund-raising event on the Westminster campus in the memory of Dr. Peter Macky.

In September of '97, Zebrine's fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, unanimously adopted the cancer fundraiser and was furiously planning their first event: "The Westminster Relay for Life," which was to be held in April of '98. Meanwhile, Danny's mother, Peggy, was undergoing radiation.

In April of '98, the first Westminster Relay went down in college history as a huge success. Shortly thereafter, Danny also experienced a mile-mark. He graduated from high school. But there was more to it than that. "The happiest thing my senior year," said Danny, "was that my mom got to come to my graduation...my mom in the strongest person I've ever met."

In September of '98, Danny went away to college, but not as far away as he had intended. "I had a full ride to IUP," said Danny, "but I decided to stay close [to home] because my mom was sick, and to be close to my brother, David, and my sister, Lisa." And so Danny moved across town to Westminster College and the circle of events made its first physical connection. Danny DiDesiderio, a freshman, met Mike Zebrine, a junior. While Zebrine and his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, were diligently working on their second Relay, Danny was checking out all the fraternities and getting impressed by one in particular.

"I first heard about Alpha Sigma Phi's relay (known as Westminster Relay) toward the middle of my freshman year," said Danny. Awed by their genuine friendship, their exceptional commitment to community service, and their fight against cancer, Danny joined Alpha Sigma Phi - which put him right in the throes of the Relay. Although Danny never met Dr. Peter Macky, he heard plenty about him through his fraternity brothers and from other teachers. "Dr. Peter Macky went above and beyond what is expected," said Danny. And Danny's fraternity was doing that very same thing in the memory of Peter Macky.

Although the Relay grew in that second year under Zebrine's leadership, many people wondered if the Relay would see a third year, since Zebrine, an education major, would be student teaching during the third Relay. But in reality, he was already teaching. For sitting under Zebrine's tutelage during that second Relay was Danny DiDesiderio, Alpha Sigma Phi's newly elected upcoming Philanthropy chair.

"Danny is a mover and a shaker," said Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs. "You don't tell him, 'No, we can't do that,' because he'll say, 'well lets figure out how we can.'" And so, the Relay continued to grow in its third year, now under Danny's direction with 68 teams -1,000 people taking in $28,000. "Danny is from this area," said Hawthorne, "[and that] lends itself well to recruiting community teams. [Since] he graduated from the high school in town, we had more high school students participating than ever before."

Now in its fourth year, "the Relay is looking at a goal of 75 teams," said Danny, "1,300 participants and $30,000." In fact, these larger goals have necessitated the addition of a co-chairman this year, senior Ryan Vaccaro. But the memories, not the numbers, are what touch Danny' heart.

"The most moving part of the Relay," said Danny, "is a toss-up between 'The Survivor Walk' and 'The Luminary Service.'" During the Survivor Walk, cancer survivors step forward to be honored and encouraged as they take one lap around the track together. Some use wheelchairs, and some walk - but all make one victory lap around the track while hundreds of supporters line the track, clapping and cheering. And what a sight, "Just seeing those teams lining the track though they might not know the person they are cheering for," said Danny, "they get to see what their fundraising efforts have done." But then someone came around the track that Danny knew.

"I remember seeing the look in my mom's eyes [during that second Relay]" said Danny, "when she came around the track...knowing she was beating cancer...my whole family [came] together in each other's arms for ten minutes."

But that day more than family came together. That day it happened. The simultaneous, two-and-a-half-year chain of events came together full circle on the track of Westminster College during a cancer fundraising event dedicated to the memory of Peter Macky chaired by Mike Zebrine with chairman-elect Danny DeDesiderio by his side. But it was Peggy DiDesiderio that was the link that connected that chain, because Danny had never known Peter Macky, but his mom had. And so it was when Peggy DiDesiderio, a friend of the Mackys, came around that track that all the links connected.

And so the circle is complete. It began as isolated links, coming together, one at a time over the months, growing, touching, intertwining, taking on a life of its own as it gathered the lives of these people. The circle maybe complete. However, it is not done. For now that circle is expanding. It's opening its arms to all that will come and join it, at the Westminster Relay, where it offers hope and a time to celebrate.

Freshman parking to be affected by construction

By Jody Miron
STAFF WRITER

Campus center construction will limit freshman parking near Shaw next year. Groundbreaking for the $13 million facility is scheduled to start immediately after commencement and will not be completed until the spring of 2003, said Owen Wagner, Physical Plant Director.

Freshmen living in Shaw will be unable to use the parking lot and faculty parking will also be unavailable. The lot will be turned into an area where supplies will be delivered and a trailer will be placed according to Wagner.

To accommodate the parking needs of students, the president's staff will review two proposals that will expand parking if approved.

"One proposal suggests that the gravel lot near Phi Tau be expanded and paved. The second proposal suggests that the lots in Physical Plant and West End be expanded and paved," said John Lechner, Dean of Safety and Security.

If the proposals are approved, the lots will be available to all students, said Lechner.

Some students feel differently about the lots being available to freshmen as well.

"Freshmen shouldn't be able to have cars on campus. This would open up more spaces for upperclassmen and would also encourage freshmen students to stay on campus during the weekend," said senior Jeremy Timko.

Construction will also alter orientation for next year's incoming freshman living in Shaw. Students and parents will be forced to use the Beeghly parking lot to unload.

"In the past, students turned onto Orchard Street and then exited through Beeghly," Lechner said. "This year they will be unable to do so, Orchard Street will be off limits due to construction."

"While campus routine will be disrupted for a period of time, possibly until spring of 2003, our intent is to keep campus activities whole," Wagner said.

The campus center that will displace parking has been made possible by several means.

"The campus center began with a $3 million lead gift from Andrew McKelvey, a 1957 Westminster College graduate," said Gloria Cagigas, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

McKelvey, founder, chairman of the board and CEO of TMP Worldwide Inc., donated the money with the agreement that Westminster raise an additional $3 million by June 30, 2001, Cagigas said.

An additional $1 million was donated by Dr. John Witherspoon, 1931 Westminster graduate and retired physician.

"The rest of the funding has come from various individuals. Alumni have contributed over $500,000 toward the new facility and the rest has come from other friends of the college, trustees and corporations," Cagigas said.

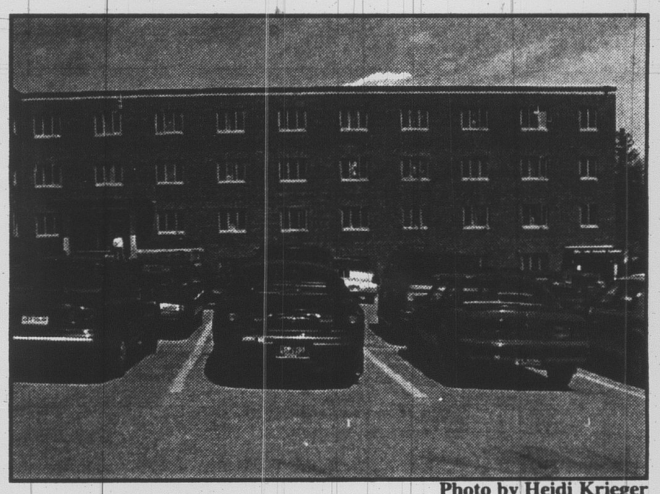


Photo by Heidi Krieger
Shaw parking lot will soon be non-existant.

The facility will feature computer labs, smart classrooms, and study areas. The campus radio, TV stations and broadcast facilities will also be located in the center. The Career Center, Offices of Student Affairs, the bookstore, food court and many other features will be positioned within the building, said Cagigas.

Wagner said, "Our routine will be effective and in the end the facility will change the character of Westminster forever."

Canoe-a-thon to raise money for local Aids Task Force

By Jessica Borchart
STAFF WRITER

Alpha Phi Omega will be a hosting a Canoe-a-thon April 29. This fun-filled afternoon is anticipated to start at 1:30 p.m.

Many activities will be going on throughout the afternoon, including canoeing, races, volleyball, T-shirt decorating (bring your own shirt), water balloon toss, food, music and tug-of-war.

The cost is $3 per person. Proceeds will benefit Mercer County Aids Task Force. This organization provides case management offering a support group and funds for emergency services such as transportation and food. They reach out to high risk areas such as shelters and food pantries, where they provide information on avoiding transmission and education programs that inform schools, churches and other places in the community on prevention.

Alpha Phi Omega has chosen to donate the money to this cause because they don't feel it gets enough recognition.

"It is a definitely worthy cause," said junior President Christian Reifsteck. "The issue of aids is something that doesn't gets a lot of fundraising. We thought we should do something that could raise money for a serious issue that doesn't get a lot of recognition."

Sophomore Vice President of Service Meaghan Bayless is excited about the upcoming event, urging students to "come on out and have a wonderful afternoon canoeing and raising money with your friends."

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Students seem to have mixed emotions. Junior Laurie Sampson is upset that campus will be under construction for her last year.

"I'm excited for the underclassmen who will eventually get to experience the new campus center, but I'm a little upset that I will only get to experience the construction," Sampson said.

Freshman Julie Zappa is slightly more excited.

"I know it may be an inconvenience for a little while, but when the Campus Center is done it will all be worth it," Zappa said. For a detailed look at the plans, visit the Admissions Office, where there is a model and many pictures. Completion of the campus center is scheduled for 2003.

? a) Depression is a bunch of symptoms exhibited by weak people.

b) Depression is an unbearable suppression of brain activity that can strike anyone.

Straightening out all the misconceptions, the correct answer is 'b'. It's a concept we should all understand and remember, and here's why. Depression strikes millions of young adults, but only 1 out of 5 ever seeks treatment for it. Too many just drag themselves along or eventually seek relief through suicide. Why not treatment? Partly lack of awareness. Partly the unwarranted negative stigma. This is what needs fixing. This is where we need you to change your attitudes. It's an illness, not a weakness. And it's readily treatable. Spreading the word and making this common knowledge is everybody's assignment.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

U of Pitt acquires valuable copy of Canterbury Tales

By Marylynne Pitz
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Geoffrey Chaucer was a linguistic rebel. While 14th-century clerics preferred Latin and bureaucrats conversed in French, the narrative poet wrote his "Canterbury Tales" in Middle English, a language used by peasants who slopped hogs.

Sometime around Chaucer's death in 1400, an unknown scribe, using an example close to the author's original version, labored lovingly and decoratively to produce an illustrated, handwritten manuscript of "Canterbury Tales."

Now the University of Pittsburgh has acquired a copy of that 602-year-old manuscript, which is one of the most valuable literary texts in the world.

Regarded as the most complete and reliable edition, the medieval manuscript contains 23 portraits of pilgrims, including Chaucer, who tell stories on a journey from London to visit the shrine of St. Thomas a Becket in Canterbury.

"It's the most complete version of 'Canterbury Tales' and it's one of the earliest...It's the one that almost all modern editions are based on. It is the only original edition that has all of these portraits of all of the pilgrims," said Kellie Robertson, a Pitt English professor who teaches a course on Chaucer.

The original, which is owned by the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., is known as the Ellesmere Chaucer because its previous owner was Sir Thomas Egerton, who became Baron Ellesmere.

Pitt paid $16,000 for its copy, one of 250 that were produced. It is bound in oak and leather and printed in 15th-century type. The book features elaborately decorated borders, colorful portraits, large ruby letters, notations and even smudges.

The purchase marks a numerical milestone: Pitt now has more than 4 million volumes in its library system.

Rush Miller, director of Pitt's library system, said the acquisition is "an investment in the future of rare books" and a boon to historians, fine arts librarians and medievalists.

"This is not just a university library," Miller said in an interview in his Hillman Library office. "This is a research library. The role of a research library is to provide significant depth in its collections."

Pitt's copy is printed on acid-free paper and displayed in a locked glass case in "The Cup and Chaucer," a Hillman Library reading room that is similar to a Barnes & Noble cafe.

The book was published by Huntington Library Press in California and Yushodo Co. Ltd. of Tokyo, Japan.

Student questioned about funding for racist website

By Bill Schackner
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

University of Pittsburgh student Matt Schiros can operate a personal Web site decried as racist and continue with research related to it so long as the project is not paid for or supported by an outside group.

The school spelled out its position yesterday in a letter to the American Civil Liberties Union, which represents Schiros and sought clarification a day earlier on whether Pitt was insisting that the Web site be dismantled.

Paul Supowitz, an associate general counsel for the university, said Pitt respected the First Amendment and never intended to stifle Schiros' right of expression. But Schiros' own statements led Pitt to conclude he had begun a sponsored research project without first securing necessary university approvals, Supowitz said.

That's why Pitt ordered him Tuesday to halt all activities related to his research, the school said.

Schiros continues to say he never made such a statement.

"If you are now able to represent on behalf of Matt that his activities are not research which has been sponsored or paid for by an outside entity, then it does not appear that any university policies are implicated," Supowitz wrote in a letter to the ACLU.

"Based on Matt's continuing assurance that he is not engaged in sponsored research, the university considers this matter resolved."

Yesterday, a sign was posted on the site saying it is now for sale, something Schiros said he had planned to do for a while.

Schiros, 19, of Cleveland, claims there have been 800,000 hits since the Web site went up in January — 300,000 of them in the last 13 days. "Obviously, the media explosion benefited the site," he said.

The site, which invites visitors to use racial slurs in rating "how black" various people are, has drawn the ire of black student leaders and others on campus. Yesterday, they vented their frustration publicly.

About 30 students turned out to speak out against racism at a 5 p.m. rally outside the William Pitt Union. The gathering was sponsored by members of student organizations to express their feelings about the site and to discuss how racism permeates society.

Tina Gross, 28, a university librarian who helped organize the event, urged students to "join other anti-racists in making our voices louder than theirs."

In yesterday's letter to the ACLU, Supowitz said Pitt also wanted a signed affidavit from Schiros acknowledging that he had indeed told Pitt that his work was sponsored by an outside group. Witold Walczak, director of the ACLU in Pittsburgh, said his client disagreed with the statement, would not sign it and instead would have the ACLU put in writing that the research was his own.

Schiros' Web site, www.amiblackornot.com, is run independently of university resources. Even if the university finds his activities reprehensible, said Hill, it cannot intervene so long as laws and campus policies are being followed.

Schiros says he is conducting independent research on race relations on college campuses. He says his aim is to test a theory that people "will do anything they can do to shut down" politically incorrect views, "especially [at] institutions as left-leaning as universities."

Michael Chabon wins Pulitzer Prize for fiction

By Regis Behe
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

When Michael Chabon's wife, Ayelet Waldman, got the phone call Monday, she let out a scream.

"Michael came running because he thought something was wrong with the baby," said Waldman, who is 8 1/2 months pregnant. "He thought it was a shriek of pain, but it was a shriek of ecstasy."

The caller was from the Associated Press, notifying Chabon that he had won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for his novel "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay.'"

"I'm still kind of trying to grapple with it," said Chabon, a resident of Berkeley, Calif., and graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. "I'm really excited and sort of quivering. My jaw actually kind of hurts from smiling."

"The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay" is Chabon's much-praised third novel, following "The Mysteries of Pittsburgh" and "Wonder Boys." A sweeping, panoramic tale of two comic book artists set against the backdrop of the Depression and World War II, "Kavalier & Clay" had also been nominated for the National Book Critics Award and the PEN/Faulkner Award.

"I just figured this was going to be the year I wasn't going to win," Chabon said. "I guess I was waiting to hear I was going to maybe be a finalist (for the Pulitzer), and that it was going to be a hat trick of sorts. I didn't want to let myself think about what might happen."

Those who know Chabon are not surprised he that he has won fiction's most prestigious award.

"I'm not a bit surprised this has happened. He was one of the absolutely best young writers I've ever encountered," said Chuck Kinder, a professor of writing at the University of Pittsburgh who taught Chabon in the mid-1980s. "When he was a student of mine, if someone had told me was going to win the Pulitzer Prize, I would have said, 'I believe it.' He was that good."

"I'm just so excited for him because this was such a beautifully written book," said Susan Corbett, producer of the Drue Heinz Lecture Series in Pittsburgh, where Chabon was a guest speaker last month.

"He was just fabulous. Even those people who knew who he was were surprised at how charming and engaging he was on stage."

Jay Dantry, who has known Chabon since his undergraduate days at Pitt, said the author's writing skills may actually be superseded by his goodness as a person.

"He's always made us very proud of him, absolutely proud," said Dantry, who owns Jay's Book Stall in Oakland where Chabon once worked. "It's so wonderful when something like this happens to a nice person."

When asked how he was going to celebrate, Chabon noted a previously scheduled engagement that has him catching an early flight this morning (Tuesday).

"I'll tell you, I'm going to New Jersey. What do you think, that will catch on as an ad slogan?" he said with a laugh.

"Actually, I have a pre-existing business engagement scheduled tonight," he added, "but we're going to meld it with a dinner. We're going to celebrate."

AP File Photo

Michael Chabon.

NATIONAL

Yale makes abortion pill available to students

WASHINGTON (AP) - The debate over the abortion pill on college campuses is not just an academic exercise.

Seven months after the Food and Drug Administration approved the abortion pill RU-486 (mifepristone) for use in the United States, many universities have decided not to offer it, saying conditions for dispensing it are too onerous.

It's also apparent that some want to avoid the attention that distributing RU-486 might bring. But when it comes to abortion, there's no escaping controversy entirely, and some students say the hands-off policy violates their rights.

"If this is a legal, medical procedure then it should be just as available to students as to the general public," said Mike Ehlers, a Michigan State student representative.

A survey of about 30 schools found one, Yale, offering RU-486. Many colleges outside of that survey, done by an anti-abortion group, also do not offer RU-486, abortion-rights advocates say.

"There's absolutely no reason women shouldn't have access," said Caroline Barber, a junior and president of the Reproductive Rights Action League of Yale College.

Michigan State University's student assembly passed a resolution in February criticizing the school's decision not to offer RU-486 as "an abridgment of students' civil rights."

Campus officials prefer the clinical debate to the political one, focusing on the repeat doctor's visits and potential complications and costs associated with administering the drug.

A woman choosing this alternative to surgical abortion must see the doctor at least three times during a two-week period - to take the abortion pill, to be given a second drug that causes contractions that expel the embryo, and to check that the pregnancy has ended.

Sold as Mifeprex, the drug must be taken within 49 days after the start of the last menstrual period and is only distributed to doctors who can accurately date a pregnancy.

Doctors must also be able to operate in cases of severe bleeding or when the medical option fails - or arrange in advance for the services of another physician.

"It was really a no-brainer that we would not provide the RU-486," said Stephen Blom, health services director at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. "We're doing minor surgeries, lacerations, mole removal. We are not doing any kind of surgery beyond that."

Utah's publicly financed universities say they don't provide abortion of any sort.

"There is a lot of controversy surrounding RU-486 and we do not offer it," said Laura Davenport, medical director for the University of Utah's student health services.

But at Yale, after the drug won FDA approval "it simply was added to the list of options. That's it," said Gila Reinstein, assistant director of public affairs.

The latest debate echoes the battle that led to the drug's U.S. approval 12 years after women first used it in France, where it was developed. It has been approved for use by 20 other countries, according to the Population Council, a research group.

President Bush opposes abortion but said during the campaign there is probably little he can do about the pill.

Still, he says his administration will review the pill's approval, and some Republicans in Congress hope to limit the number of doctors who can prescribe it.

In a survey by the anti-abortion American Life League, Yale was the only school of about 30 questioned to say it will supply RU-486 on campus.

National Briefs

Detroit's mayor not running for re-election

DETROIT - In a surprise announcement, Mayor Dennis Archer said Tuesday that he will not seek a third term in November. "I love this city. I love our citizens, and I really enjoyed the opportunity and experience of being mayor," Archer said. "But I also realize that I have no life." Archer was elected in 1993 as Detroit's first new mayor in 20 years.

Mississippi River's neighbors waiting and watching

LA CROSSE, Wis. - The bloated Mississippi River kept residents of four states on edge as it slowly crept out of its banks and threatened to rise to near-record crests. A 403-mile stretch of the river from Muscatine, Iowa, to Minneapolis was closed to boat and barge traffic, and nine counties in western Wisconsin were under a state of emergency.

Hawaii school year threatens to end in disaster

HONOLULU - As children in other states enjoy year-end field trips or prepare for proms and graduation, Hawaii's 220,000 public school and college students are watching their school year fall apart in bitter statewide teacher strikes. Negotiations to settle the separate walkouts by public schoolteachers and University of Hawaii professors have dragged on 13 days. Teachers and professors are demanding pay raises that meet Hawaii's cost of living, something the governor says the state can't afford.

Mississippi voted on flag change

JACKSON, Miss. - Mississippians decided Tuesday whether to keep the state's 1894 flag featuring the Confederate emblem or to adopt a new flag that replaces the controversial symbol. A poll taken last month by The Associated Press and other news organizations suggests voters are poised to reject any change in today's referendum.

Judge: Felons have right to DNA testing

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - A federal judge ruled that felons have a constitutional right to DNA testing and ordered Virginia authorities to allow the tests for a convicted rapist who claims he's innocent. U.S. District Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr. said the Fairfax County prosecutor violated the civil rights of James Harvey by refusing to allow tests on evidence left from Harvey's 1990 rape and sodomy trial. The decision, which offers felons another avenue into federal courts through civil rights litigation, is believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

Mass transit grows faster than highway driving

WASHINGTON - More Americans are leaving the driving to someone else. While the number of miles driven on U.S. roads remained steady last year, the number of passengers riding buses or trains rose to the highest level since 1959, transit industry figures show. Public transportation supporters say motorists are willing to forgo traffic jams for reliable and convenient mass transportation.

Foot-and-mouth "probable" in U.S.

WASHINGTON - Federal emergency officials are preparing for a U.S. outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, a prospect they see as highly likely. FEMA official Bruce Baughman said the plans call for treating an outbreak much the same as a natural disaster, in which states take primary responsibility and call on federal resources as needed.

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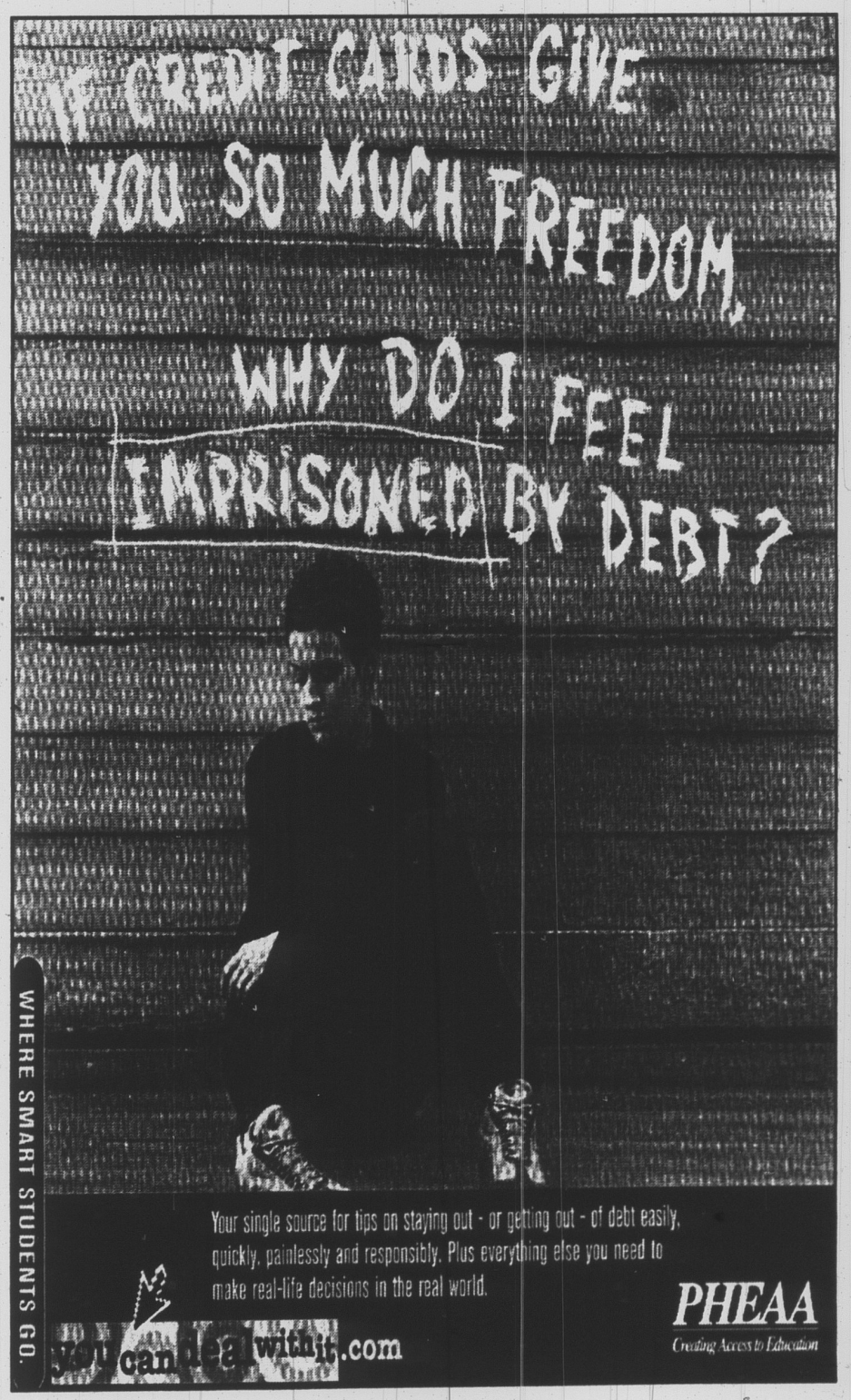
opportunity that's out there."

Amber played her part well in the Outback. Although she did not win the grand prize, finishing ahead of 10 other contestants and lasting 33 days is mighty impressive. She now joins Alicia, Jerri and Nick as a member of the jury to determine the final winner.



INTERNATIONAL

Ferry suspected of smuggling child slaves detained

COTONOU, Benin (AP) - Puzzled authorities tried to determine whether a ferry that pulled into port Tuesday was a ship suspected of smuggling child slaves that was wandering for days in Africa's Gulf of Guinea. The arriving ship carried women and children - but apparently not the dozens of captives officials had expected.

The U.N. children's fund kept up an alert for the possibility that there was a second ship actually carrying the slaves that might try to dock somewhere along the western African coast.

"We have asked our offices in Malabo and elsewhere in the region to remain vigilant and not to demobilize," said Zachary Adams, UNICEF official in Cotonou, Benin's commercial capital. Malabo is the capital of nearby Equatorial Guinea.

"A boat has arrived here in Cotonou and we have no details of another, but we have to be prepared for the possibility."

The 200-foot-long ferry that arrived in Cotonou bore the name of the vessel that officials had been hunting - the Etireno - but it appeared freshly painted white, with the signs of another name, "NORDBY," still visible underneath.

A number of unaccompanied children found on board were taken to a shelter where they were fed and allowed to rest before being interviewed by police, Adams said.

An anxious search had begun Thursday, when it was reported that the Nigerian-registered MV Etireno had clandestinely slipped out of Cotonou with 100-250 children on board being smuggled into slavery. It was reportedly wandering in the Gulf of Guinea for days after being turned away from ports in Gabon and Cameroon.

The ferry pulled into Cotonou shortly after 1 a.m. with a crowd of Cabinet ministers, soldiers, police and journalists waiting.

The passengers, nervous and exhausted, said no child slaves had been aboard, as did the vessel's 40-year-old Nigerian captain, Lawrence Onome. "I have not committed any offense that will warrant my arrest," Onome said. "I am not into child slavery, they can't prove it. It is one thing to say, and one thing to prove."

He said the name of the ship had been changed from Nordby to Etireno in 1999, though he admitted he didn't have documents to prove it.

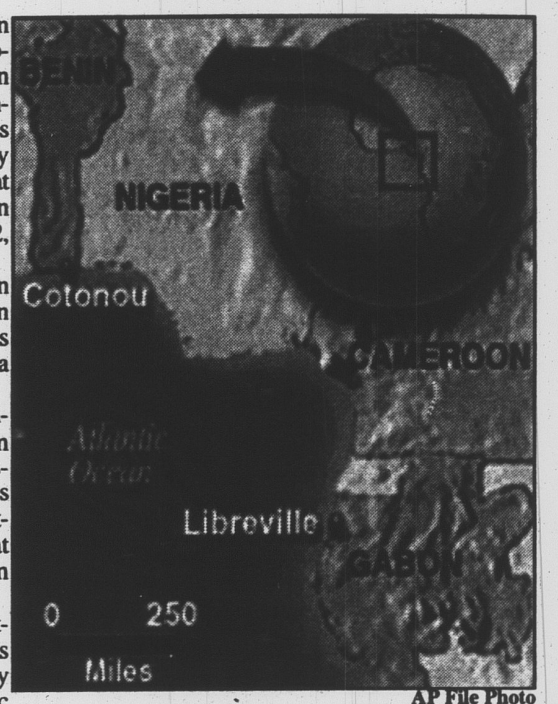
"I don't know what to think," said Nicolas Pron, a senior UNICEF official in Benin.

Passengers and crew on the arriving ferry told journalists that the vessel left Benin on March 27 and arrived in Gabon's capital, Libreville, April 2. But authorities in Gabon detained the boat and its passengers, who were taken onshore by canoes for four days, apparently because they did not have proper documents. The boat left Gabon April 6 for Douala in Cameroon, where it arrived April 12, passengers and crew said.

Benin, a small country of 6 million people, has a history of slave trading. In the 18th and early 19th centuries, it was known as the Slave Coast for its role as a center of the trans-Atlantic trade.

Despite efforts to stamp out child-trafficking, it remains a serious problem in West and Central Africa, where desperately poor parents are sometimes willing to give up their children for as little as $14 to smuggling rings that promise to educate them and find them jobs.

Boys are then typically resold to cotton and cocoa plantations for as much as $340 in countries like Gabon and Ivory Coast. Girls often end up as domestic workers or prostitutes.



AP File Photo

The detained ship travelled from Cameroon to Benin.

International Briefs

Israel pounds Gaza after Palestinians shell town

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - Israeli troops seized Palestinian-controlled areas in the Gaza Strip early Tuesday and rocketed Palestinian security centers in response to the Palestinian mortar shelling of an Israeli town. One Palestinian was killed and 36 were injured in the attack. The escalation of violence coincided with rising tension along Israel's northern borders, after Israeli warplanes attacked and destroyed a Syrian radar station near Beirut on Monday.

Venezuela supports China on human rights critique

CARACAS, Venezuela - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has decided to help in China's effort to block a U.S. resolution criticizing China's human rights record. "We don't believe any country in the world has the right to condemn another," Chavez said Monday after talks with Chinese President Jiang Zemin. "We're going to vote against the resolution," he said, adding that Venezuela also will vote against a U.S. motion condemning Cuba at the Geneva-based U.N. Human Rights Commission this week.

U.S. team arrives in China for spy plane talks

BEIJING - U.S. negotiators arrived Tuesday for negotiations aimed at winning the return of a spy plane held by China after a mid-air collision with a Chinese fighter jet. Much of the team, led by Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Peter Verga, is comprised of military officials or Defense Department officials, the U.S. Embassy said. The talks are likely be contentious after both sides staked out uncompromising positions in the angry aftermath of the April 1 collision.

Helms appears to be at home in Mexico

MEXICO CITY - Waving and grinning from his car after meeting with Mexican President Vicente Fox, U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms appeared at home in a country he has long denounced. Helms arrived Monday in Mexico City, where he will spend three days and will include a historic joint meeting with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and its Mexican counterpart. On Tuesday, the five U.S. senators planned to meet with Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda.

Busloads of oil workers feared kidnapped

BOGOTA, Colombia - Suspected leftist rebels intercepted buses carrying about 100 oil employees of a U.S.-owned oil company in Colombia and appear to have abducted the workers, officials said Monday. The workers are Colombian employees of Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum.

Starvation claims another hunger strike victim

ANKARA, Turkey - A leftist inmate died in a hunger strike Monday, the 13th person to do so in a widespread protest over Turkey's new maximum security prisons. About 250 inmates belonging to outlawed leftist groups have refused food to protest their December transfers from large, dormitory-type wards to new prisons with small cells that house one to three people.

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Weird News

This mom goes for $1 million

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Finally, a little good news for moms feeling undervalued: some children think your work is worth a million dollars. A survey of children ages 6 to 11 found that 29% would pay their mothers $1 million for all the work they do - if they had "all the money in the world." Kissing a booboo would fetch $13. Of course, the 507 children surveyed by Hallmark Cards weren't exactly economists. The children also believed the average house costs $3,000 and the average car sells for $1,000.

24,000 bottles of beer in the river

SYDNEY, Australia - After a delivery truck carrying 24,000 bottles of beer plunged into a river, there was no shortage of volunteers to help salvage the cargo. People carried beer out of the Tweed River north of Sydney throughout the Easter holiday weekend, police said. Some donned scuba gear, while others dove straight in. One man reportedly claimed 400 bottles.

And in this package...

HARRAH, Okla. - Keith Griffith would have preferred the grilled chicken on a bed of noodles. Instead, the Healthy Choice entree delivered to his door held state documents seeking $9,450 in back child support. The Department of Human Services often uses TV dinner boxes and shoeboxes to send certified mail to people who owe child support. Deadbeat parents are more likely to sign if it's a package, especially an unusual one, agency spokesman Dustin Pyeatt said. Griffith has 15 days to pay the back child support or submit to a paternity test. He plans to take the test.

Justice is blind - and topless

MADISON, Wis. - The Wisconsin Bar Association has forced sculptor David Wanner to put a shirt on a statue of a topless woman symbolizing justice. One of the association's committees commissioned Wanner to sculpt "Lady Justice," a classical figure of a blindfolded woman holding a scale, for their office. Even though the committee approved Wanner's clay model of the topless woman, 10 of the association's 80 employees complained. They said a half-nude statue belongs in a museum, not an office.

Cockroaches 1, Tenants 0

SAN DIEGO - Eighteen bug bombs meant to rid an apartment of cockroaches set off an explosion that ripped open its ceiling, shattered windows and tore cabinets from kitchen walls. No one was injured. While the explosion caused $50,000 in damage, it didn't appear to do much to the cockroaches, which were seen crawling around the apartment as firefighters packed up.

Drinking and robbing don't mix

WHEELING, W.Va. - Sheriff's deputies say a drunk man stole a rifle from a house in Wheeling, then ripped off a box of shells from a Wal-Mart. Not realizing the shells were the wrong size, he took the gun to an adult sex toy shop where he demanded cash. In the process, investigators say, he pulled the trigger, but the rifle misfired because it had the wrong size shells. The clerk managed to subdue the man and hold him until deputies arrived. Brian Lee Moore, 28, was jailed on charges of attempted murder, attempted robbery and malicious wounding.

Formerly known as...

JERUSALEM - A young man is now tomer.com, the computer programmer formerly known as Tomer Krrissi. Friends simply call him ".com." The Israeli Interior Ministry initially balked at his application, claiming a name couldn't include punctuation marks, the 25-year-old told man the daily Maariv newspaper. But after studying the law, he found there was no such provision and officials backed down. "People who don't use the Internet think what I have done is just a gimmick, but the Internet changed my life. It opened up my head," he said.

Her Royal Highness

PHILADELPHIA - Valerie R. Harvey claims to be a royalty - Queen Vallahra El Harre Bey of the Noble Great Seal Moors of Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties. That's why, she says, a judge should give her diplomatic immunity and dismiss charges she used an invalid credit card to rent an Avis rental car for three years. But prosecutors say there's no record of Harvey or her alter ego, Queen of the Moors. Harvey is being held on $15,000 bail. Unless she can prove diplomatic immunity, the charge carries a maximum penalty of seven years in prison.

Not on the delivery route

CHICAGO - Postman Robert Cloyd delivered the mail, all right - straight into a trash bin, federal prosecutors say. Cloyd, 51, was charged with the misdemeanor offense of mail desertion, which carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a possible $100,000 fine. Prosecutors said he deposited 1,088 pieces of advertising mail into a trash bin outside the post office where he works on Chicago's North Side. They said no first-class mail was dumped.

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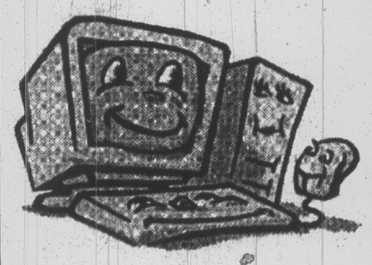

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SPORTS

Titans 22-6 after win over Waynesburg

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Titan Softball team boosted its record to 22-6 for the season after shutting out Waynesburg 8-0 on April 9th. Game two of the doubleheader was cancelled due to rain with Westminster ahead 2-0.

The Titans took the lead early in the game with two runs in the second inning. They scored six more in the fifth. The game was then called due to the "eight run rule."

According to that rule, if a team leads by eight or more runs after the fifth inning, officials automatically end the game.

Senior pitcher Bethany Pinkerton racked up her sixth shutout of the year and the 22nd of her college career. Her record improved to 10-3 with the win.

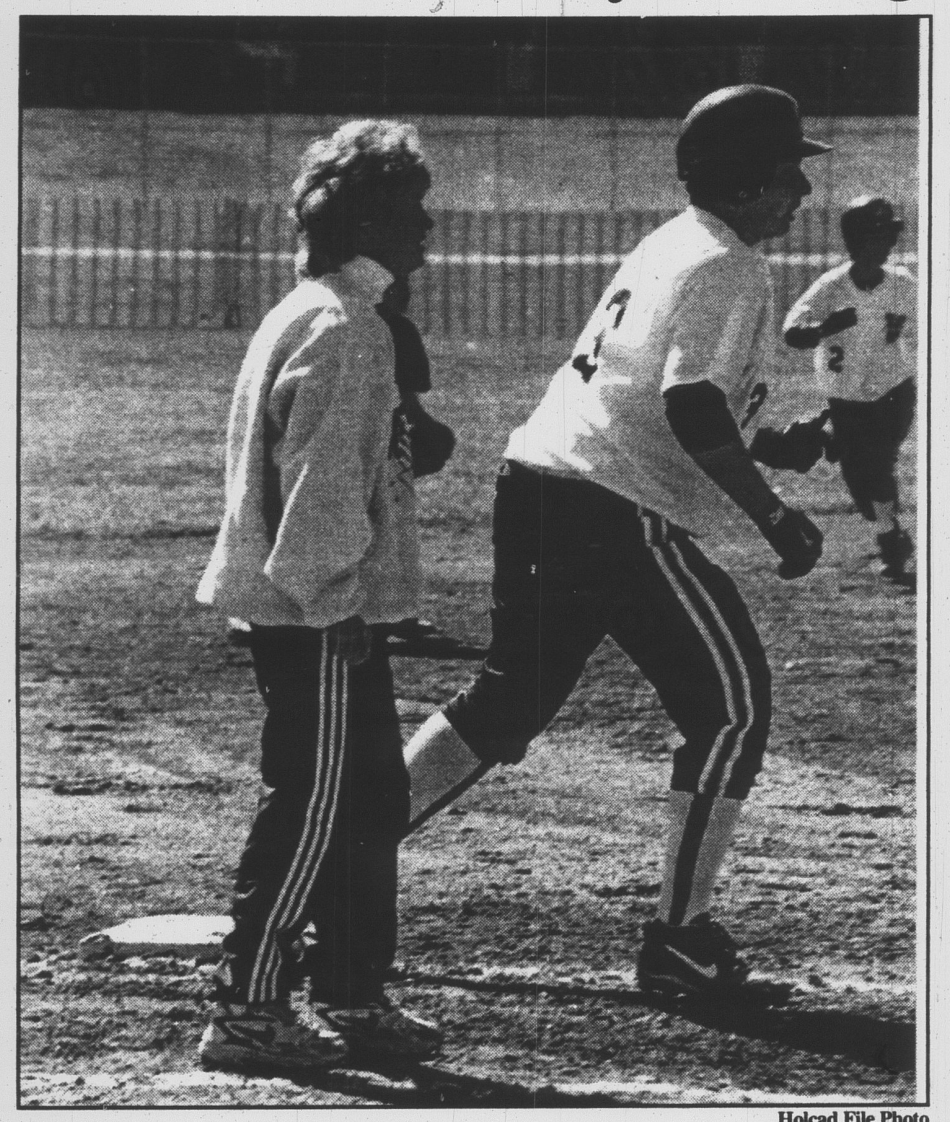
"She's really worked hard this season. She's a very determined athlete, and her determination has carried over to the rest of the team," sophomore Amy Putas said.

The Lady Titan dominated at the plate as well with 11 hits. Junior Monica Dunn went two for three, posting a triple, two runs and three RBI.

Sophomore Laura Raible also went two for three with an RBI double.

Pinkerton and Sophomore Darcy Sutton each had two safeties.

"Our team is definitely improving each day. We continue to work on our weaknesses and fine-tune our strengths. We're definitely going out with a bang this season," Sutton said.



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Coach Reddinger watches as Jamie Reddinger prepares to run.

Williams more concerned with academic future

By Meredith Etcher
STAFF WRITER

Duke's Jason Williams has stated that he is not entering the NBA draft after his sophomore season. This is a wise choice for him, no matter what the critics and sports writers say. He is receiving a quality education at Duke, which will provide him with a future, even after the NBA. Aside from his education, which is supposed to be the reason people go to college in the first place, his basketball skills will be fine-tuned, allowing him to become more valuable once he reaches the professional court. Although he could receive a hefty paycheck immediately in the NBA, his patience will allow him to secure a future that is more rewarding and promising.

Williams told every reporter who would listen during the season that he wants to stay at Duke, at least for another year, and play with Rutgers transfer and good friend Dahntay Jones. Underclassmen who have already left for the draft and sports agents alike don't understand why he would return. He would most likely be the top pick, and at the very least, number three. They question his reasons for staying, since he has already won a national title. These people are the reason that college basketball is called the "farm" system for the NBA." While it may be rare, some players are concerned about their education and go to class to be students, not just eligible athletes.

Critics have stated that he is risking his future in the NBA by playing another year at Duke, stating that an injury could be potentially career threatening. But wouldn't dropping out of college be career threatening, as well? Williams is an intelligent man, with an incredible talent for basketball, and he is using his brain to make this decision. If he does become injured, which would be a tragedy, he will still have a college degree from Duke University to fall back on. If he entered the NBA this year and suffered an injury in the first season, what are his options? By completing another year at Duke, he will further his options after the NBA, whether it be after 20 years or 20 days.

I know the money and fame are enticing, and that it must take an unbelievable amount of self-control to say no to those temptations, but in the long run, Williams has made a wise decision. It is hoped he'll do the same next year and complete a full four years at Duke, like his All-American teammate and National Player of the Year, Shane Battier.

Scouts cite Virginia Tech's Michael Vick as an example why they won't count out Williams just yet. Vick made a public announcement he would return for another year at VT, but then declared for the NFL draft. But, unlike Vick, Williams has repeatedly stated his concerns for education. In addition, his mother went on record to say that her son is staying at Duke. Most scouts know that Williams would be a clear number one pick this year, and without his entry, the first selection is nothing more than an educated guess. Williams is in a great position now. He has a great future ahead of him, and by waiting to enter the NBA draft, he can secure his destiny, on the court and off, with a degree from Duke University.

Sports this week

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at Grove City
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4/26-27/01
at PAC
Championships
(Wheeling, W. Va.)

Women's Softball

4/20/01
3 p.m.
at Slippery Rock

4/25/01
4 p.m.
ASHLAND

Men's Tennis

4/20/01
3 p.m.
at Hiram

4/23/01
3 p.m.
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4/21/01
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Invitational

Titans 12-7-1 after doubleheader against LaRoche

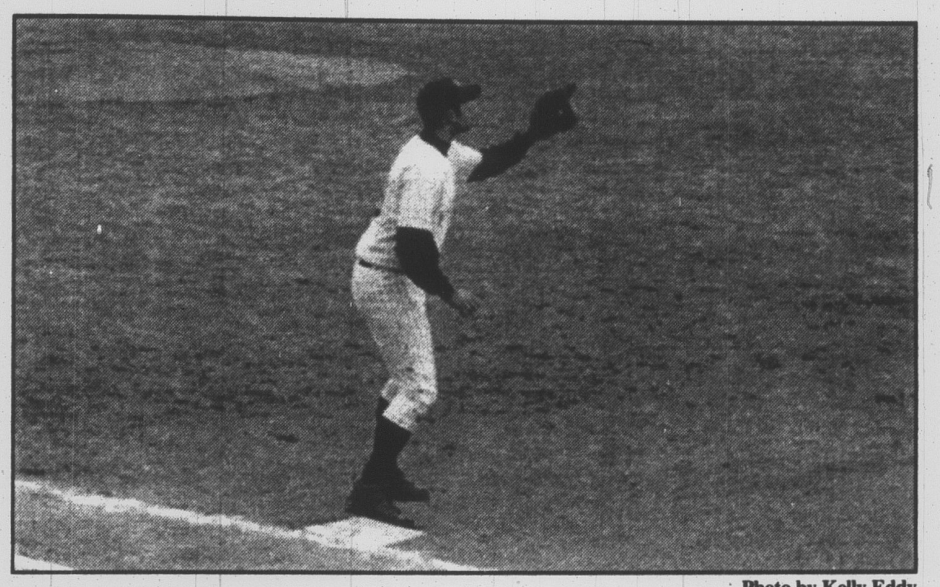

Photo by Kelly Eddy

A Titan keeps his eye on the ball in an attempt to catch.

By Jamie Reddinger
STAFF WRITER

The Titan diamondmen improved to 12-7-1 after posting a 16-5 victory in game one against LaRoche April 18. LaRoche battled back in game two, winning 2-5.

Freshman shortstop Nathan Statzer started the Titan momentum in the first game, sparking a six-run rally in the first inning with a homerun. Senior designated hitter Kurt Latta also had a homerun and sophomore center fielder Scott Nastase contributed a double in the win.

The Titans scored two runs early in the second game, but couldn't hold on when LaRoche regained the lead in the top of the fourth. Freshman outfielder Anthony Deane and sophomore infielder Kevin Culp had a triple and a double, respectively.

In earlier action, the Titan baseball team rung up a pair of victories against rival Grove City April12, sweeping the Wolverines 6-0 and 2-1. Senior Henry Klinar put the Titans on the board with a solo homerun in the fifth inning. Sophomore Kevin Culp earned the win on the mound, improving to 3-1 and giving up four hits with one walk and two strikeouts.

Freshman pitcher Matt Robison controlled game two, improving to 3-1 and allowing two runs on three hits with three walks and three strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings. Classmate Pat Boyle earned his second save of the year, finishing the game with four strikeouts. Statzer was 1-3 with a double, and senior Tim Voelp doubled for the Titans.

The diamondmen then traveled to Pitt-Bradford April 16, sneaking in nine innings before the rain hit. The Titans lost that contest 3-2. Sophomore Matt Pournaras pitched seven innings, while Boyle finished the last two. Statzer had a triple, and sophomore BG Davison contributed three hits in the loss.

Titan baseball returns to action Saturday, hosting PAC rival Bethany College in a doubleheader at 1 p.m.

Men's tennis 3-7 overall and 2-2 in PAC

The Westminster College men's tennis team ran its record to 3-7 overall and 2-2 against Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) competition on April 7 in Waynesburg, Pa., as the Titan netters posted a 7-2 decision over league rival Waynesburg College.

Junior Charles Correll led the way for Westminster with wins at #1 singles and at #1 doubles with senior Shawn McGoran. Other Titan singles winners included junior Rodolfo Sant 'Anna at #4, junior Dale Bish at #5 and senior Shawn Martina at #6. Posting doubles victories were the #2 team of junior Kurt Rothoff and freshman Mike Bair and the #3 team of sophomore Ryan Harcar and freshman John Libert.

Titan golfers finish second at invitational

New Wilmington, PA - The Westminster College men's golf team finished in second place out of 11 teams at the Washington and Jefferson College Invitational at Lone Pine Country Club in Washington, Pa. Host W&J won the event with a four-man total of 323, followed by Westminster, La Roche, Thiel, Penn State-Altoona, Pitts-Greensburg, Grove City, Penn State-Behrend, Bethany, Waynesburg and St. Vincent.

Junior Jim McGovern and sophomore Drew Aufderheide led the way for the Titans, each carding a 78 to tie for second place, on stroke behind medallist Adam Langford of La Roche. Other Titan scores included junior JustinYoung with 84, senior Mike Burnett with 85 and sophomore Dave Blazek with 85. Sophomore Josh Latore, playing exhibition for the Titans, fired an 89.

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STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad Program flexible and affordable

By Megan Elias
STAFF WRITER

For any student who may have missed or forgotten about the February diversity symposium, Westminster offers a Study Abroad Program for all students interested in studying overseas or off-campus for a semester.

Some majors, such as foreign language, international business, international politics, and art, require at least one semester of off-campus or overseas study. However, any student can take advantage of the study abroad program.

"Study Abroad is a valuable program that enhances the liberal arts education and helps students become independent, self-confident and more mature global thinkers," said Linda Volpe, Director of Off-Campus Study. "There are programs for any student."

There are a number of exchange programs offered to college students. East Central Colleges (ECC) is an exchange program that offers study abroad opportunities for students in Puerto Rico, Canada, Japan, Argentina, Sweden and France. Study can range from a full year to one semester. If students are interested in politics and government but do not wish to go overseas, the Washington Semester Program with American Universities might be of interest to them. There are no limits to the options available. Interested students may find the website helpful.

Studying abroad doesn't have to be expensive. Some of the programs offered allow students to keep their financial aid. Unfunded financial aid, such as Westminster scholarships, is not portable unless your major requires off-campus study. Aid is portable for one semester only. Study abroad scholarships are also available to all students.

For students to be approved for off-campus study, they must have a QPA of at least 2.5. It is also recommended that students not be in the first year program or of senior status when they choose to go abroad.

To become enrolled in the study abroad program, students must first meet with Volpe. She will assist students in the application process.

Students are required to complete an inquiry information sheet and will file an in-house application. Students must gain approval by Volpe, before applying to the off-campus institution of his or her choice. All application materials, program applications, transcripts and letters of reference, must be submitted to Volpe to be mailed. A copy of all material will remain on file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If off-campus study is anticipated for fall semester, the deadline for the in-house application is mid-March. If the study is planned during spring semester, the application must be filed by mid-October. This is to ensure the student's spot in an exchange program.

Students who have gone through the application process seem pleased with the programs and aid offered by the college.

"I am very pleased with the study abroad program offered by the college," sophomore International Business and Spanish double major Shannon Lutz said. "The faculty was very helpful and supportive."

Sophomore Iternational Business major Nicole Beaver agreed, saying, "After meeting with Mrs. Volpe I am confident in my decision and can't wait to study abroad."

. Both students will be studying overseas during the Fall 2001 semester; Lutz will be in Spain and Beaver in Germany.

Westminster faculty is very supportive of the study abroad Program and will continue to help in its expansion.

"We will continue to work on developing new exchange programs and seeking scholarships to assist our students," Volpe said.

Those who've gone to the corners of the world...
Klebacha returns from overseas study in Grenada

By Emily Ludovici
STAFF WRITER

Junior Steven Klebacha studied abroad in Spain during the 2000 fall semester. For four months he lived in Granada, which is in the southernmost part of Spain.

In Granada, he lived with a middle-aged woman and a student from UCLA. Moving in with strangers can be difficult.

"It's tough at first, because you feel like you are invading their home," Klebacha said. "After a while you just integrate into the daily family life and you become a part of the family. It's awesome."

Saying goodbye to his family and loved ones was a hard task, but once he got on the plane he was fine.

"[Once in Spain] I missed everyone, but I kept in regular contact with my family and had such a great time living in another country that I didn't miss home very much," Klebacha said.

The plane ride to Spain lasted seven hours. Klebacha wasn't worried about the flight because he has flown to Spain before, as well as England.

"I'm a veteran of transatlantic flights," he said.

Steve thought the language was tough. Even though he has learned Spanish, speaking it daily and fluently was another story entirely.

"Most Spaniards don't speak English, so I was forced to speak Spanish all the time," Klebacha said.

He didn't have much trouble adjusting to the culture.

"The difference in culture is learning to go a little slower, deal with more bureaucracy than we have here, and getting up and going to bed later than we do here," Klebacha said.

Granada isn't very clean, like most of Europe. "That's something you get when you jam a bunch of people into a small space," Klebacha said.

It was hard for Klebacha to leave Spain. He had made friends with people from the US, England and Spain while he was studying abroad.

"I have had many days where I wish I was still there," Klebacha said.

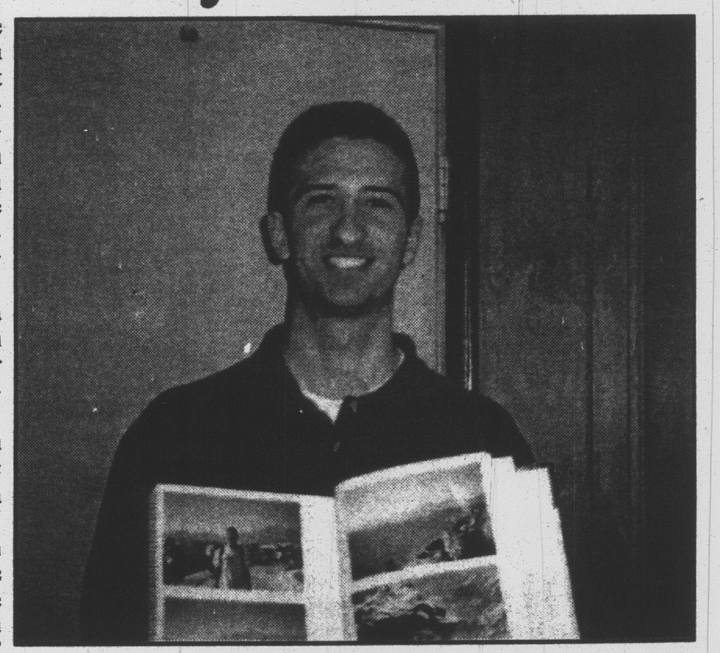
He wouldn't recommend studying abroad to just anyone.

"You have to have the mentality that you are going to a different country where everything is going to be different and that you can adjust quickly. If you expect it to be like the US, you will be culture-shocked really badly," Klebacha said.

He advises that if a person is planning on studying abroad he or she should be independent.

"Many times you will be your only source," Klebacha said.

"Be prepared for an incredible experience and make sure you're prepared before you get on the plane," Klebacha added.



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Steve Klebacha shows off photos from his trip to Spain.

Dr. Macky planning sabbatical in England next year

By Jodi Russo
STAFF WRITER

For the past 21 years, Nancy Macky has been at Westminster welcoming the freshmen as they begin their four-year journeys here. In the fall of 2001, Westminster will welcome yet another first-year class, but this time without the help of Macky.

Macky will be on sabbatical leave for the 2001-02 school year while she is living in England, a familiar place for her. She lived there two and a half years with her late husband Peter, who was a Rhodes scholar. She also attended Oxford and majored in English and History.

In March of this year, Macky went to England to meet a friend of hers, Jon Stallworthy. Stallworthy is a poet and was acting President of Wolfson, which is a graduate college of Oxford.

"We are going to write a book together of all his works and essays," Macky said.

Macky will be writing a bibliography of all his works.

"I wanted to do this because of curiosity. When I came back from England I discovered that there was no bibliography, and that amazed me. I wanted this for myself. I loved what I read and I wanted to find out more about him."

On May 2, Macky will be giving a faculty forum on Stallworthy. While she will be on sabbatical for a year, Westminster is going to fly her and Stallworthy back in April of 2002 for the Henderson Lecture. Both Macky and Stallworthy will be speaking at the lecture.

Macky has also considered directing a play at Wolfson while she is there. She has been elected as a visiting scholar of Wolfson next year.

Although Macky is very excited about her trip, she will miss her students.

"When I teach I feel that I have a moment in the students' life to make a difference. Students are going to be coming in next year and I am not going to get to start them out. I love to be there at the start of their careers," Macky said.

Macky anxious to leave, but also anticipates her return. "I look forward to coming back, I will bring back more of Stallworthy's works, so that Westminster will have a full Stallworthy collection."

Andrea Barilla learns Spanish in Puerto Rico

Photo by Aly Karg

Andrea Barilla.

By Robin Frost
STAFF WRITER

Last semester junior Andrea Barilla studied abroad in Puerto Rico at the InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico in San German. Even though Barilla is an English major, she jumped at the chance to study in Puerto Rico when she heard about the program.

"I have always loved the Spanish culture, so when I found out there was an exchange program, I applied," Barilla said.

Barilla said the most difficult adjustment she had to make was the language. "Most people are bilingual, but Spanish is the first language, so that is what you hear," she said.

Barilla hadn't had any practice speaking Spanish for a few years, which made it difficult to communicate at times. "When I thought I was saying, 'I'm embarrassed,'" she said, "I was actually saying, 'I'm pregnant!'"

Also, there are some major cultural differences. Barilla woke each morning to the sound of roosters. "Instead of squirrels, we had roosters and chickens, dogs and cats, lizards and the famous Puerto Rican Coqui frog," Barilla said.

The food in Puerto Rico was also much different than that of the U.S.

"The main course was always rice, beans and chicken," she said.

Another main difference was the fact that Puerto Ricans were more relaxed. Barilla said that in Puerto Rico, being on time usually means being ten minutes late or more.

Barilla, in praising study abroad, was grateful that the college was very supportive in helping her get there, and added it is very easy to make good friends since there are other people who are in a similar situation.

"If studying abroad is a dream of yours, you can make it a reality," Barilla said.

Overall, Barilla said her experience was wonderful. She has many great memories from her time in Puerto Rico.

"It was beautiful," she said. "Nothing competes with the diversity of people, plants and the sunsets."

Devine attends Osako International School in Japan

By Mike Power
STAFF WRITER

Last fall, Senior Avis Devine took the opportunity to travel to Kyoto, Japan to live and study for the entire semester. While in Kyoto, Devine attended the Osako International School, and divided her studies between courses in Japanese and international business.

At the Osako School, Devine said that the mix of students was very diverse; she met other students from Mexico, Columbia, Thailand and Sweden.

In Kyoto, Devine lived with a Japanese family. Her family consisted of mother, father and two daughters. The daughters, Devine said, are about her age, one was going to school in Tokyo and the other one lived at home.

Living in a totally different culture, Devine explains, can be extremely trying at times.

"They eat a lot of their foods completely," Devine said. "For instance they eat the entire fish: bones, eyes and everything. They also like to eat a lot of things raw."

Devine said that she did do a lot of enjoyable things while she was in Japan, however.

One of the things she experienced during her stay was climbing a mountain. Devine explained that this was very different from any experience she had in America.

"Once you got to the top of the mountain, there were no safety devices," she said. "You are literally at the top of the mountain. In America there would be restrictions about climbing to the top of a mountain, but not in Japan."

Devine thoroughly enjoyed her semester stay in Kyoto, Japan. In fact, she recommends that if students are thinking about travelling abroad, they should definitely do it.

Photo by Kelly Eddy

Avis Devine flaunts a Japanese souvenir.

Those who've come from the ends of the earth...

Exchange students experience American culture

Students hail from Brazil, Uganda, Korea, Germany and Japan

By David Field
STAFF WRITER

After a 12-hour, overnight plane ride with little sleep, the captain warns you of arrival by the blink of the seatbelt light turning off. The walk off the plane feels unusual. As the cool air flowing through the jet-bridge hits, you suddenly make your entrance into a new culture, "the American culture." Then, without further ado, you collect your bags from the carousel and make the hour journey from Pittsburgh International Airport to your future home. On your way, you pass through countryside unlike you have ever seen before. Before long, you see your first Amish buggy. This is the experience that five International Students had as they began their four-year college excursion s here at Westminster.

After arrival, exchange student must figure out how to proceed in their new surrounding. Learning how to "be responsible, be friendly, and to adapt to the culture [are] the key words to being a successful international student survivor," Junior International Business Major Rodolfo Sant'Anna, 24, of Campinas, Brazil said.

However, sometimes the feeling of homesickness affects these "survivors" deeply.

"I miss my family," said Freshman Business Major Andrew Mugisha, 21, of Kampala, Uganda.

Being an exchange student, however, also has a positive side: the feeling of maturing at a level that other people your age haven't yet.

"To travel thousands of miles away from home, deal with a foreign currency, government, language and people, has by far been the best teacher I have ever had," Sant'Anna said. "Living in the United States has brought me to learn much about myself, meet great friends, by this I believe international students have an edge on maturity."

"Being able to do everything on your own, such as finding friends, is one of the best feelings in the world," Freshman Math Major Dongwon Woo, 21, of Seoul Korea said. "Some of your new friends understand perfectly what you are passing through and respect you a lot for it."

There are times when someone upsets those international exchange students' feelings. They have no one to go to in their family or any close friends around to talk with.

"The students are polite, but superficial, hard to get close to," said one-year transfer student, Carsten Schmitz, 22, of Passau, Germany.

Despite the cultural differences, these five people have successfully found their way into the Westminster. They have been through the obstacles and the entertaining times here. Many of the exchange students are active in campus organizations, major theater productions, music and varsity athletics.

"As much as I miss my family and want to go home, I will truly miss Westminster College...I have had some great memories here," said Senior English and Latin Major, Mamiko Nakata, 22, of Kobe, Japan.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

STAMPER & STALEY — The Mexican

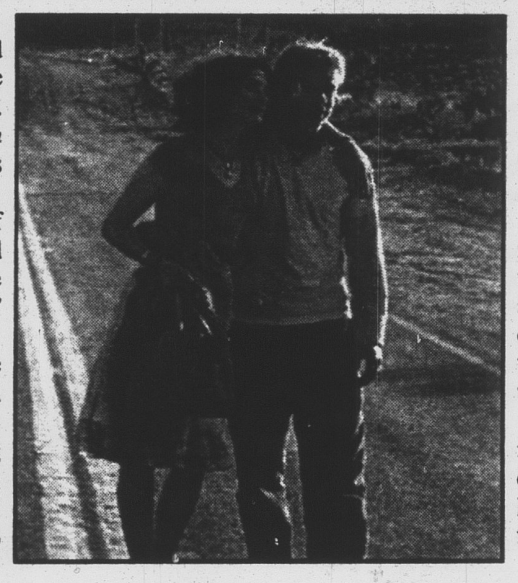
Beth Staley

What can anyone expect from a movie that stars Julia Roberts and Brad Pitt? The previews for *The Mexican* focus on the fact that these two actors appear together, a fact that is interesting and surprising. However, what the previews fail to reveal is the fact that *The Mexican* features a very well-written script. The screenplay by J. H. Wyman is brilliant, innovative and entertaining.

Director Gore Verbinski keeps *The Mexican* moving with lots of action. Viewers who expect to see a lot of romance between Pitt and Roberts may be disappointed, but not too disappointed because the romantic, mythical legend behind the gun known as "The Mexican" is fascinating.

The Mexican, however, is mostly an action and comedy movie that features Jerry (Brad Pitt) as an unlucky employee of corrupted criminal masterminds. Jerry has no talent as a criminal, and after ruining several missions, he is sent to complete one final task before being set free from his duties as a criminal. He must retrieve the priceless, magical gun called "The Mexican" from Mexico.

Roberts plays Sam, Jerry's girlfriend, who wants him to come to Vegas for a vacation. She doesn't understand that Jerry could be killed by his boss if he ditches his trip to Mexico for a joy ride to Vegas.



In *The Mexican*, Roberts assumes a persona similar to the one she assumed in *Erin Brokovich*. Roberts appears as an overly dramatic woman, ready to combat the world. Although she can seem harsh in this movie, fortunately her smile still lights up the screen to offer moments of sincere endearment.

Many of these moments occur with Leroy (James Gandolfini), the man who kidnaps Sam as a threat to Jerry. Basically, if Jerry doesn't get the gun and return it soon, Sam's life could be in danger. Leroy has a big, sensitive heart, and ends up developing a close friendship with Sam. She encourages him to find the strength necessary for him to fall in love with the man of his dreams. Gandolfini plays Leroy with a tough warmness that deserves notice.

The Mexican, in fact, deserves notice. It really is a funny, well-crafted movie that offers 123 minutes of delight-and pain for viewers who may empathize with Pitt's character too much. He truly has a tough, but humorous trip to Mexico in his rented El Camino with the old dog that follows him. So take a trip to the movie theater and see *The Mexican*.

Carillon bells in Old Main are part of Westminster history

By JoAnn Lewis
STAFF WRITER

Old main is often depicted on materials used for advertising purposes. Each picture highlights its distinctive stone construction and bell tower atop the building.

Since 1930, the tower has housed carillon bells. A carillon is a musical instrument made of bells arranged in chromatic sequence. The bells produce concordant harmony when sounded together.

Mr. Ocock, retired professor of music at Westminster, plays the unique instrument. "I became interested in 1978 when bells were added. Until that time it (the carillon) only had twelve bells," Ocock said.

The thirty-five bell carillon is played from a keyboard. The keys are struck with a half-closed hand that allows expression through the variation of touch. The larger bells are connected to foot pedals.

Carillons are mostly located in Holland, Belgium and northern France where they evolved. About 200 exist in North America.

The Westminster carillon is played for special occasions such as welcoming new students and commencement.

The large keyboard has a manual key for each note in the carillon. The keys are wooden levers about two feet in length, rounded at the playing end. In addition, pedal keys are played with the feet. "It's exhausting to play. One hour is my max," Ocock said.

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Opera Workshop features two one-act pieces sung in English

By Ellen E. Dodge
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On the evening of Friday, April 6, the Westminster College Opera Workshop and the Butler County Community College Hospitality Management Club presented an After Dinner Comedy/Opera Theater. Donald J. Rasely directed the operas and students Rachel Helgeson, Nora Drake, Brian Barrett, Donna Macurdy and Jeff Lagios sang. Matt McCright and Stanley H. Rothrock II assisted on the piano.

Featured were two one-act operas, one from the eighteenth century and one from the twentieth century. Both works were sung in English.

The first opera, Bastien and Bastienne, written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, is a comedy written for three singers. The part of the shepardess Bastienne was sung by soprano Nora Drake; the part of her beloved was sung by Rachel Helgeson (who did a very good imitation of a young man), and the part of Colas the magician was sung by Brian Barrett. All three singers also displayed acting ability as well as polished vocal style and enthusiasm.

Gian Carlo Menotti's, The Telephone, is a work written for two singers. It is about a young man who is delayed in proposing to his love because she is constantly talking on the telephone. In the original production a few decades ago, the young man eventually proposes from a telephone booth. Today, he uses a cell phone. The role of Lucy was sung by Butler County Community College graduate Donna Macurdy, now a voice student at Westminster. The role of Ben was sung be Jeff Lagios.

Annual X-fest on May 18th

By Kendra McClymonds
A & E EDITOR

The annual "X-Fest," sponsored each year by Pittsburgh's alternative radio station, WXDX "The X 105.9," will be held once again on May 18th at the Post-Gazette Pavilion.

This year's performers include national and local bands like Fuel, Staind, CrazyTown, Disturbed, Our Lady Peace, Train, The Clarks, Eve 6, Tantric, Spineshank, (hed) PE, Saliva, SinOmatic, The Juliana Theory, Nothingface, Dexter Freebish, Grapevine, Buzz Poets, New Invisible Joy, and Dharma Sons.

The "X-Fest" usually features fun games, activities, and concessions in addition to the non-stop music.

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"What's in a Name?"

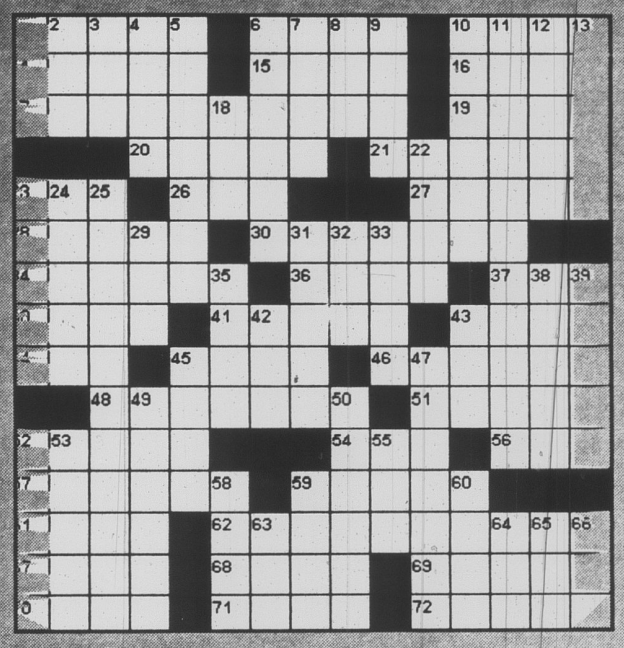
By Matt Gaffney

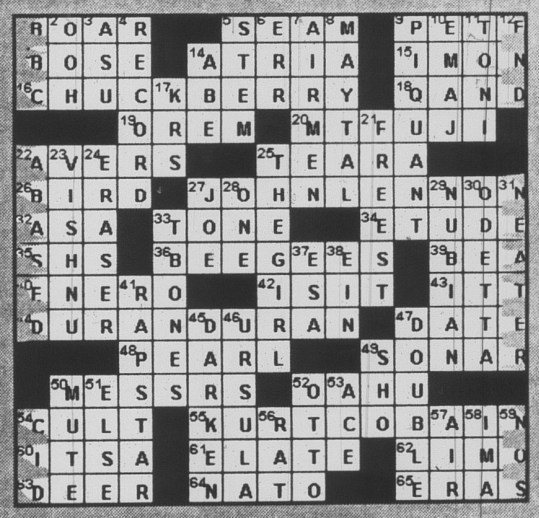
Across

1 Big hit for The Cars
6 First word of a Supremes title
10 British folk group Steeleye ___
14 "Givin' You the Best That I Got" name
15 "Fifteen Miles on the ___ Canal"
16 Woody's son
17 Band named for the 18th-century English inventor of the seed drill
19 Son ___ (Jay Farrar's group)
20 Take songs off a cassette
21 Corn on ___
23 ___ Leppard
26 Huge midwestern sch.
27 When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, for example
28 ___ fours
30 Food in a Steely Dan album title
34 Fit for consumption
36 "That's ___!"
37 "Yeah, right!"
40 Enjoys the dock of the bay
41 Appropriately, one of their band members is named Frank Beard
43 "Why Me?" songstress
44 Wishbone ___
45 "Acoustic Soul" artist India ___
46 Donny Osmond's comeback hit "___ Emotion"
48 Subtitle of Hall & Oates' "I Can't Go for That"
51 Low-level worker
52 Kind of people Randy Newman wrote about
54 151
56 Big name in China
57 Aerosmith's "I Don't Want ___ a Thing"
59 Sharp, as pain
61 "I should be sleeping like ___" (Beatles lyric)
62 Band named for a bratty kid in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"
67 Actress Garr
68 Santana's "___ Ways"
69 "We're off ___ the wizard..."
70 Paradise
71 Well-organized
72 Davis of "Do the Right Thing"

Down

1 F ___ (key of some compositions: abbr.)
2 "I'd like to buy ___" ("Wheel of Fortune" phrase)
3 "Begone with ya!"
4 Jackie Wilson's "Am ___ Man"
5 "Pools of Mercury" punk rocker Jim ___
6 Does a roadie's job
7 Madonna album "___ Blue"
8 Midnight ___
9 Piece of fur
10 Queen hit featuring the line "I'm naked and I'm far from home"
11 Band named for a friend's cat; it means "beyond these things" in Latin
12 "It's ___ nothing at all" (Billy Joel line)
13 "I Will ___ Denied" (Bonnie Raitt tune off "Nick of Time")
18 Western hemisphere grp.
22 "Purple ___"
23 ___ double take (looks again)
24 "The ___ near!"
25 Band named for a horse they once saw on a racing sheet
29 Some football defensemen: abbr.
31 Gave an album four stars, say
32 Bev Bevan's bevy
33 Waiters wait for them
35 Better Than ___
38 Rock concert venue, frequently
39 "It ___ Be You"
42 Popular wine, casually
43 "I Put a Spell on You" band, for short
45 Nightclub draws
47 Musical direction meaning "with excitement"
49 Ancestry
50 Witchcraft, sorcery, etc.
52 Kansas or Alabama
53 ___ up (didn't leave home)
55 Jazz violinist Jean-___ Ponty
58 Swedish man's name
59 Prima donna's time to shine
60 These things, to Tejano singers
63 "Scorpion" rapper
64 Bonehead
65 Hawaii wear
66 Tiger Woods may put it in the ground





Out of the Outback: Amber and Nick are sent packing

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

Amber finished ahead of 10 others before getting voted out in the latest episode of Survivor. Nick was voted out the week before.

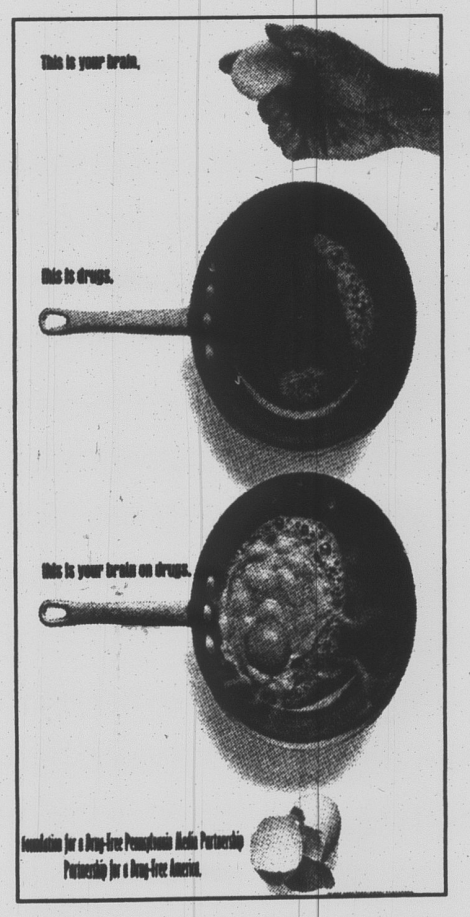
As the food was slowly diminishing, Barramundi tribe members begin to diminish as well. The lack of food was most devastating for Nick, whose weakness may have cost him immunity and the shot for a million dollars. Jeff, the host, recognized the fact that Barramundi was low on food and offered them rice in a trade. Barramundi gave up Colby's Texas flag that they had been using as a form of shelter. The following week, most of the Barramundi camp was swept down the river and things became "drastically primal" according to Elisabeth.

Reward challenges in the past two weeks gave the tribe members the opportunity to win food. Two weeks ago, an auction in which Survivors had to "bid" on food, and this week, a run through a ropes course, gave Colby a night's stay with Australian cowboys. Amber ran a close second behind Colby. Both challenges left the winners as hollow as they were prior to the challenge - they were not able to "stomach" any of the food properly.

The immunity challenge, "fire and rain," two weeks ago tested the tribe member's agility and speed. This week's immunity was a slingshot contest. Elisabeth came close, fearing her fate at tribal council if she didn't win immunity, but was unable to stop the seemingly unbeatable Colby, who won the challenge both weeks in a row.

Nick was unsurprisingly cast off; he has been vulnerable for a few weeks. He has been sick and hungry. In his last words, he expressed his relief.

It wasn't hard to determine that Amber's stay on the Outback was about to end after Tina stated, "Amber's a sweet girl, but you can't get by by flying under the radar," in the opening of last week's show. Amber, however, much like Nick, was relieved to be out of the running. She lasted for an impressive 33 days in the Outback.



HOROSCOPES

Aries
You had better sit down and decide what your priorities are before you disappoint someone you love. Uncertainties at home should not be cause for alarm. A move is evident and the problems that exist will be eliminated.

Taurus
You will meet someone who interests you. You will feel like getting away if the tension escalates. You are better off doing things with friends than with family. Friends will give you sound advice if you open up about your concerns.

Gemini
Don't get pushed into doing things that you don't have time for. Pass the time doing things that will be entertaining but don't cost an arm and a leg.

Cancer
Voice your complaints instead of letting your hostility grow inside. Check out some vacation possibilities. You need a break. Love connections can be made through friends.

Leo
Don't allow others to blame you for things you didn't do. Popularity will be yours if you step into the limelight. Romantic encounters will develop. Sit down with a good friend and toss some ideas around.

Virgo
You'll feel satisfied if you sign up to help worthy causes. You will enhance your reputation if you stand up for your rights and bend over backward to help someone in need. Your energy will be high and competitive events will entice you.

Libra
Romantic opportunities are likely to develop at group functions if you make the first move. Volunteer work will open your eyes to a host of new adventures. Ask for favors and take the time to connect with people who will appreciate your talents.

Scorpio
You will get sincere opinions from those who appreciate your talents. Don't allow your jealous nature get the better of you. Arguments with your partner will lead to estrangement.

Sagittarius
You may as well relax and enjoy yourself. Projects you start will lead nowhere. Check out foreign cultures that can broaden your horizons. Don't exaggerate. You may offend someone in the process and possibly lose a friend through your insensitivity.

Capricorn
Don't let anyone take advantage of you; ask point blank where you stand. Enjoy yourself, all work and no play isn't good for anyone. You need to be careful not to take on too many responsibilities. Your lover will be uncertain about your relationship.

Aquarius
Believe in yourself and so will others. Don't get depressed - get moving. Join groups that will promote new friendships. Romantic opportunities are plentiful, pick wisely or you may end up with the wrong mate.

Pisces
Get out with that special person in your life. You need to spend time enjoying the finer things in life. Your creative talent needs an outlet. Music, dancing or maybe even some writing would help satisfy your artistic desires.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Hey Theatre Westminster, just in case you haven't realized, it isn't entertaining to watch the same cast do different shows...

I love how sarcastic all the Rants and Raves are.

Why is it that when you ask for a 6" sub from the TUB they either give you a 4" or an 8" one? How hard is it to cut down the middle?

Where are all the WC press releases about Amber getting kicked off?

Why do people DRIVE to the gym and then get on the stair stepper?

The equestrian team had an awesome season! Congratulations everybody!

Westminster is a good school when there are no people around.

Summer?

To whomever was going over the campus grounds and picking up pieces of paper or whatever on Thursday April 12th, Thank you!

Only in WC is it okay to park illegally... as long as you leave your flashers on!

We pay all of this money so that we don't get any of the classes we want and so that our internet is always down. Ridiculous!

Where is our T3 internet connection promised to us months ago and why, after banning downloads during the day, is our internet still just as slow?

Why does the doctor only show up from 8:15-9:15? Can't we get sick in the afternoon?

I just love this school -- I mean, what other normal schools shut down on a weekend if a fraternity or sorority has a formal or date party?? Thank God we go here!

When are we stocking trout in Britain Lake?

The Curriculum Operations Committee and New Registrar made scheduling a pleasure...for once!!

Why is Hillside falling down?

Why is it we pay a fee to park on this campus and a large sum to go here with a portion of it going to shows that the college puts on. Yet we are disallowed to park on campus, when the college throws these event.

Why do the people that run Greek Week act like they are dictators? They are really insignificant in the grand scheme of things.

Boys -- Seriously -- it is not cool to peel out or squeal your tires. It makes you look desperate and it makes the girls sick. Let the legend go...

I like sand.

OUR VIEW: Tornado Warning

Last Monday the sky turned black and hail fell to the ground for minutes at a time. Many of us stood at the windows of our dorms, classrooms and offices to watch. Little did we know that the windows were the last place we should have been. It turns out there was a tornado within miles of our campus. But where were the sirens? Where were the warnings? Why were we allowed to stand at the windows and watch the storm in a potentially devastating situation?

The school did make an effort to inform us about the impending tornado. But the effort they made was the best they could do with the time they had. In the situation on Monday, there was no tornado watch. The storm moved straight to a warning, which means a tornado has been spotted. Once Dean Lechner received the notice he went into action. Normally the warning is given by voicemail, email, television stations, radio or security.

People in the dorms were told to go to the bottom floor, and people in classrooms were advised to stay inside. The top floor of the TUB was evacuated, but no one knocked on the Holcad door to inform us.

Also, even though people were told to go to the bottom of their dorms, no one made an effort to stop students when they left to register for their classes. In fact, students were actually encouraged to go to registration. Students were milling about outside during the tornado warning and most people didn't even know about the tornado until after the warning was over.

Some people were under the impression that because of our location, a tornado would not hit here, but that does not make the town immune. There was a tornado that blew the roof off the McClean House in September of 1977. (This is the house now occupied by the Perkins family and Coach Reddinger.) Another tornado touched down in 1985. A tornado can and has happened here before, so why wasn't our campus better prepared?

> A TORNADO CAN AND HAS HAPPENED HERE BEFORE, SO WHY WASN'T OUR CAMPUS BETTER PREPARED?

Granted, we are all adults here. We are responsible for our own lives, but we are given drills for fires. Most introductory hall meetings don't even discuss the possibility of a tornado or what to do in the event of a tornado. Most people know that they should go to a basement or cellar in the event of a tornado, but most of the buildings on campus do not have basements...so then what?

Security did attempt to inform the campus of the situation at hand, but it didn't seem completely effective. Maybe the key to safety procedures in this event is education. Athough we groan at the length of our hall meetings and anything that talks down to college students, maybe we should consider that they are only doing it to help us out. Looking at the big picture, wouldn't it be better to be informed than thrown off in the middle of the tornado? After all, not all of us can be as lucky as Dorothy. She just got hit in the head and had a crazy dream, but it could have been worse.

So for the sake of educating the campus, here's a little crash course on what to do in the event of a tornado on Westminster's campus:

Go to the basement of your building and if it doesn't have one, go to the interior hallway on the lowest floor.

Avoid gyms and auditoriums that don't have a strong support structure.

If you are outside, take cover in a ditch or culvert. Lie flat.

Stay away from windows.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the Holcad's article that explains that early classes may not have a direct effect on student health. In this article it explains that even though it is an early class, the student is not affected. I understand that early classes do not affect a student's health, but I feel that early classes do affect students.

Early classes may affect a student's grade. I know that students are worried about their health, but most students are worried more about their grades. In a college atmosphere grades are very high on the priority list. From personal experience I know that students in early classes are sleepy and have a tough time learning. Attending an early class, I found that there is not as much class participation as an afternoon class. Early in the morning students are fighting to stay awake, as opposed to learning and discussing. Early mornings cast a negative effect on professors as well. Professors admit that early morning classes are more dreary and that their teaching is somewhat affected.

Learning in class is the main objective of a student. Teaching is the main objective of a professor. So why should the educational process be burdened by early morning classes? I agree with the idea that classes should be no earlier than nine o'clock am. If this change were made, I think that student awareness would boost, and possibly student grades.

Sincerely,

Sonny McManigle

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to all of the negative remarks by Westminster Students towards the TitanNet and its administrators. The computer technicians of the Hoyt computing center are extremely talented and hard working individuals. They really deserve a lot more respect than what they get from this campus. Without these individuals working around the clock, our network would not work. Period.

The TitanNet is a very useful educational tool that this Campus generously provides for its student and faculty use. As technology improves, the computer technicians make the necessary updates to keep our network state of the art. So I urge the Westminster College student body to please respect our campus' facilities, and to be more understanding of our computer technical staff.

Sincerely,

Matthew B. Nelson

Dear Editor,

In your March 23rd issue I read an article about the shutting down of fraternity houses towards independent men. I personally agree with this strategy because there are many obligations that the pledges of the fraternities must deal with, as well as the brothers, so it is only fair to allow those who must clean up after the party and pay dues to be allowed to enter the fraternity houses on party nights. Furthermore, I do feel that the men who could not join a fraternity because of financial issues are being left out because this problem is not their fault and being a student at Westminster takes so much money as it is, that it is hard to be able to afford other luxuries such as joining a fraternity.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Matt Roser

Dear Editor,

Attending sporting events to many individuals is a waste of time. As an athlete I sometimes think that many people do not attend them because they are not interested in that sport or many individuals find that sports are not important, and they have no impact. I believe, as well as many other athletes, that it is important for people to attend sporting events.

Being an athlete in a college environment, I can see that the attendance at sporting events is small and people do not root for, or even give encouragement to their team. When players look in the stands, the people they see are their parents and other player's parents. Not to many students attend unless it is a big game, or it has a special purpose. I think if you are attending school or college, you should take part in all activities that it has to offer, including attending sporting events. People should take pride in their school, and show some school spirit.

If fans would come to a game and root and cheer for their team, many athletes can and will play better. When playing in a game, athletes want to hear and see many fans cheering them on. Therefore I think that more people should attend sporting events to cheer on and give encouragement to the team as well as the individual. When athletes are cheered on it gives them encouragement and sometimes they pick up the level of play, in turn, helping the team.

In final though, the importance of individuals attending sporting events is important to the players as well as the team itself, and therefore more people should attend sporting events to cheer on the team and to show school spirit.

Sincerely,

Danielle White

Dear Editor,

Every Friday when "The Holcad" comes out, people quickly flip to the "Rant 'n' Rave" section and the Letters to the Editor to see what the students on our campus are complaining about this week. It seems that many people have a negative view of Westminster, but there are so few that are willing to do something about it. In the Student Government Association Senator elections held two weeks ago, there was a significant drop in the number of students running for a position and voting in the elections in comparison to past years. In fact, there were not enough juniors running for the Senate, and the remaining spaces had to be filled in a vote by the SGA. Getting involved in organizations on campus, such as the SGA, is only one of the ways that you can attempt to improve our school. Last week, in the "Rant 'n' Rave" column, someone complained about the SGA Executive Council not having office hours. As stated in the SGA column last week, we are in the process of establishing these. In the meantime, we have been in the office at various times throughout the week, and no one has approached us with this concern. Although everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, we wish that whoever felt the need to address this problem anonymously would have contacted one of us about it. Perhaps a set schedule will make this easier. If you refer to this week's column, the hours have been listed. We welcome each of you to visit us during these times. You are also invited to attend the weekly SGA meetings, held on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in Phillip's Lecture Hall. One of the main reasons the SGA exists is to hear the opinions of the students. We are committed to our positions and want to help, but we rely on each of you to come to us with any problems you are facing. If we are able to change things, then we will do anything we possibly can to help you out.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Braem, Kylene Adams, Anne Poland, Justin Young, Dan DiDesiderio, Stefanie Maccaglia, Beau McElfresh, Greg Marquis, and Christina Contes

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FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring *Sisters* and Dr. Kenneth Maynard Long

Name: Bridgette Guerin and Kathleen M. Kennedy
Hometown: Clarkston, MI/Pittsburgh, PA
Nickname: "Bridge," "Little Bridge," or "BG" for Bridgette, "Katie," or "Kennedy" for Kathleen
Year at WC: Bridgette—sophomore, Katie—Freshman
Sign: Cancer and Aquarius, respectively
Major: Bridge is Public Relations/Biology; Katie's Exploratory
Pet Peeves: Bridgette - "It's not like people or things that bother me a lot...but I'd have to say that I don't like little kids picking on each other and I don't like seeing people disrespect each other." Katie - "When people overuse the word "like" and of course condescension."

Photo by Sara Bozich
Bridgette Guerin and Kathleen M. Kennedy

SB: Do you have a personal quote or a quote you live by? Please enlighten us.
Bridge: You should always strive to do your best. You never know how good your best might be. Also I like: be patient with everyone but above all yourself.
Katie: Virtue is its own reward but so is sin.

SB: What is your favorite color and what do you think that says about you?
Bridge: I think blue is my favorite. It can be a bright feeling like a bold blue...and other times it's more soft or a behind the scenes type deal. But I'm so bad at picking favorite anythings...I like a lot of colors.
Katie: Blue. It was always my sister's favorite color so I guess it just grew on me.

SB: It's springtime...you have a green thumb...what are you going to plant this year?
Bridge: I'd have really green grass and a garden with different colored flowers.
Katie: Tulips-that's it.

SB: SurvivorII: What did you think of Amber's stay? Who will win the million dollars?
Bridge: I think Amber did great. She handled herself so well and I really like how she left the show. I think Colby or Tina will win the money.
Katie: As a whole, I don't like any of these shows like Survivor, what I watched of it I think she did ok and I have no idea who will win.

SB: What are your plans for the summer?
Bridge: I'm not sure of anything fun yet, hopefully cool things to do will come up throughout the summer. Other than that I'll just work, work out and hang out with friends and fam, including Katie, of course!
Katie: I'm going to relax, get a job and party with friends and family and of course Bridgette.

One extra question for the sisters:
SB: What is your favorite memory with your sister?
Bridge: One year for Mother's Day, Katie and I decided to paint our parents' bedroom including writing our names real big on the wall. We got in so much trouble. It was Katie's idea...kinda.

Name: Kenneth Maynard Long
Hometown: Nappanee, Indiana
Nickname: "Ken"
Year at WC: 39th
Sign: Cancer
Department: Chemistry
Pet Peeve: "People who say "like" and "you know" all the time."

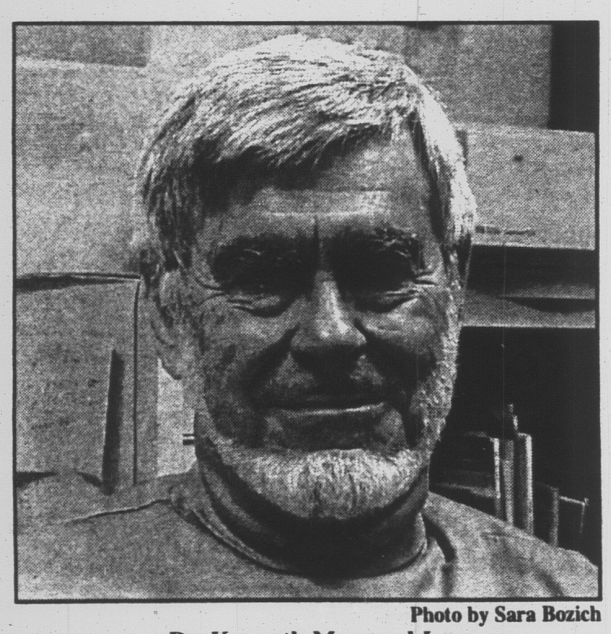


Photo by Sara Bozich
Dr. Kenneth Maynard Long

SB: Do you have a personal quote or a quote you live by? Please enlighten us.
Long: One of the quotations that comes to mind is from John Muir-he is one of the first people to discover what is now Yosemite National Park. From his book My First Summer in the Sierra, he wrote, "Everytime I try to pick up something by itself, I find that it's hitched to everything else in the universe." Part of what I do is work with the only geology at Westminster College.

SB: What is your favorite color and what do you think that says about you?
Long: I suppose that it's red but I don't know what that means.

SB: It's springtime...you have a green thumb...what are you going to plant this year?
Long: Onions probably first. I always plant a lot of things. I have a garden.

SB: SurvivorII: What did you think of Amber's stay? Who will win the million dollars?
Long: I've never seen it.

SB: What are your plans for the summer?
Long: Most important plan is to spend a week at a family reunion on the west side of Pike's Peak in Colorado.

Lawsuit-Happy, Trigger-Happy

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

I'm disgusted with the lawsuit-happy people that are a product of today's America.

Several years ago my neighborhood friends and I lost our privileges of playing near the bus stop when new owners moved onto the property. We used to climb over the fence and play by the pond in the morning. The property owners revoked our early-morning playtime for "insurance reasons."

In high school, my friend Kelly and I got three days out-of-school suspension for something classified as a "Level II Offense," the qualities of which were "endangering [our] health, safety, and welfare." Basically, had we hurt ourselves, we could have sued the school. Therefore, off with our heads!

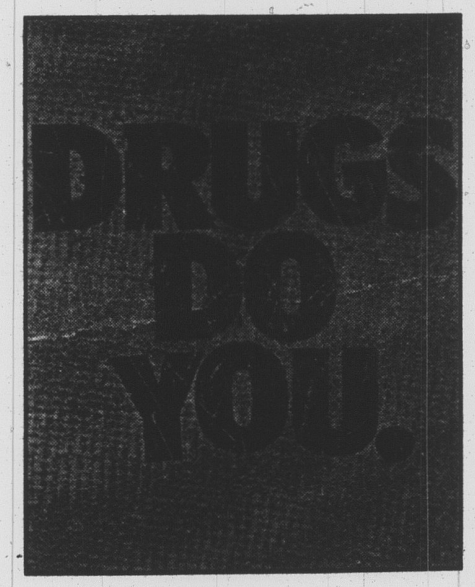
The first weekend of this beautiful spring weather, I hitched a canoe ride with some friends. During our trip it came up that we were supposed to sign a waiver to not wear a life jacket-because...because otherwise we could sue, right? There are cases when lawsuits are an acceptable means of acquiring monetary reimbursement - wrongful termination, sexual harassment, or negligence are examples, although they too, can be exaggerated by money-hungry ambulance chasers.

If an establishment fails to repair something that could pose a threat to people in or using that establishment, and the establishment clearly neglects to protect its patrons or employees, I think a lawsuit would be appropriate, if not expected.

However, the law should not be manipulated by folk looking for easy cash, waiting to be wronged. We all make mistakes, and people should try owning up to them, rather than looking for the first person to blame and the easiest way to obtain money. Because of this type of person, we are forced to adhere to rules that otherwise seem ridiculous.

I fully understand the need for companies and institutions to implement rules and clauses to protect themselves from people who watch too much television and think they can sue someone for their own stupidity.

Along with this epidemic comes the "emotional distress" phenomenon. This usually occurs in ugly divorce settlements or things of that sort. I don't understand how people can put a price on emotions and why that price is always millions of dollars. Whatever happened to "building character?"



Sghetti's in New Castle: authentic Italian dining

By Heidi Krieger
STAFF WRITER

When you walk into Sghetti's in downtown New Castle, the first thing you'll notice is the atmosphere. The restaurant is beautifully decorated and the walls are adorned with numerous pictures of an Italian family. Harry Conick, Jr. and Frank Sanatra serenade you softly as you eat.

At first glance, the menu may lead you to believe that Sghetti's is a lot like the Olive Garden…and it is, but Sghetti's has class and authenticity. The menu offers everything from salads to pasta dishes to prime rib, chicken and fish. Every dish is different and enticing. The decision of what to get is difficult to make.

My friends and I started with an artichoke spinach dip appetizer. It was the perfect size. It came with four pieces of toasted bread. Not enough for a dinner, but a wonderful size for an appetizer. Any bigger and we wouldn't have had room for our dinners.

Of course, after devouring as much as we could of the endless salad and bread that came with a special garlic butter, we did not have much room for our dinner. As college students, we did not mind. After all, is it not every college students' goal to be able to fill up on dinner and still have enough food left over to avoid the cafeteria for at least one more meal?

Food: Italian
Price: $9.95-$23.95/dinner
Distance from school: 9 miles
Directions: Take PA18 all the way into New Castle. Turn left at the road past Pizza Hut and right at the next light. Go one block. Sghetti's is in the building next to the parking garage at 106 E. North St.

I chose the Chicken Scampi for my dinner, a meal I recently discovered to be the best on the menu at the Olive Garden. It was heavenly. The chicken was tender, served with peppers on a bed of angel hair pasta, with a really tasty sauce. I definitely recommend this dish. My friends got Rigatoni alla Vodka and Fettuccine Alfredo with Chicken. I tasted both of those meals as well. Quality was evident in all of these dishes.

We couldn't leave the restaurant without getting dessert. The best part of dessert is that the server brings over a tray for you to pick from. Of course, since we barely had room for our dinners, the desserts went straight to take home boxes.

Sghetti's is a restaurant good for all occasions. It seemed appropriate to go in jeans (nice jeans with no holes and preferably not a t-shirt), but would also be a nice place for a romantic date or before a formal.

I suggest going during off hours for faster service. We went around 4:30 and got our food rather quickly. But dinner did take a time commitment. We didn't leave the restaurant until 6:00.

Another important thing Sghetti's had to offer was plenty of table space. We had the appetizer, salad and bread on the table all at the same time and still had elbowroom. Comfortable seats are an added bonus.

Overall, the dining experience was amazing. I recommend Sghetti's to anyone who is in need of a good Italian meal, a trip off campus and has a little extra cash.

SGA prepares for College Day, Volleyrock and Fresh Start

With the end of the year approaching, the SGA has been busy with a number of events. The executive council designated its office hours for the remainder of the year. The hours are as follows: Lindsey Braem (MWF 12-2 p.m., TR 12-12:30 p.m.), Kylene Adams (MWF 12-4 p.m.), Justin Young (MW 10:30-12 p.m., TR 11-12:30 p.m.), Anne Poland (TR 1-3:30 p.m., W 8-9 p.m.), Stefanie Maccaglia (MWF 9:15-10:15 a.m.), Beau McElfresh (MTW 6-7 p.m.), Dan DiDesiderio (F 8-11 a.m.), Christina Contes (WF 11:30-1:30 p.m.), and Greg Marquis (T 2-3 p.m., R 2-4 p.m.). We encourage all students to visit the office, located on the top floor of the TUB.

The SGA will be sponsoring an activity for Fresh Start next year. Although the event has not been planned yet, freshmen in attendance will receive Westminster t-shirts that will be designed this summer.

Six members of the student body applied for the two remaining Board of Trustees positions. These students submitted an application and were interviewed by a panel of their peers. At the May 2 meeting of the SGA, the students will have the opportunity to speak to the Senate. Following this, the Senate will vote on these positions. All six students are thanked for showing an interest.

The Food Advisory committee was formed under the direction of Justin Young. This group will meet with Jeff Crevling throughout the year to address students' concerns about the dining service. Any comments, concerns and suggestions can be addressed to Young at youngje@westminster.edu.

At the last meeting for the committee, the students discussed the relocation of the TUB Grille to McGinnis dining hall.

College Day at Kennywood has been publicized on campus. The Special Events committee of SGA purchased 100 tickets which were offered to the students for only $10. All of these tickets were sold out in less than 20 minutes. Students are thanked for their participation and interest.

SAVE requested $350 to subsidize the Earth day t-shirts for this weekend's events. The Senate approved the motion to grant the money.

The SGA budget is set at $210,543. At the meeting held on April 11, the Senate approved the budget.

The Finance committee dealt with audits and allocations last week. A special recognition goes out to these members for their time and dedication.

Volleyrock is scheduled for May 5. Students are reminded to gather their teams before sign ups, which will be held next Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27 as well as a few days the following week to be announced.

The Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities' reception was held on Wednesday. A number of students were honored for their academics and leadership.

The Senate looked over the Student Satisfaction Surveys that will be distributed around campus. Members of the Senate determined the key areas that should be addressed.

Students are asked to take the time to fill out these surveys in order to allow the administration and faculty to address problem areas.

Christopher Nave was elected as the SGA Parliamentarian.

This Saturday is Relay for Life. The SGA sponsored the fireworks that will be on display at 10 p.m. There will be many activities throughout the day, starting at 10 a.m. The campus is invited and encouraged to attend.

The final SGA meeting of the year will be held on May 2. This meeting will include voting for Board of Trustees members and determining allocations to organizations.

Writing minor to be offered next fall in response to student demand

By Daesha Falcione
STAFF WRITER

Starting in the fall there will be a new writing minor.

The courses that are offered with the minor are poetry, fiction, playwriting, nonfiction, screenwriting and an advanced writing workshop. Other writing courses included are public relations writing, career writing and journalism I and II.

"I think there is a good balance of different classes," Katherine Woodville, an LLP student said.

The minor was proposed, because of students' growing demand for the opportunity to take more writing courses.

"I would like to write books, articles for magazines, etc.," Woodville said. "This writing minor seems to include a diverse selection of courses in order to not only teach us, but to stimulate our creativity."

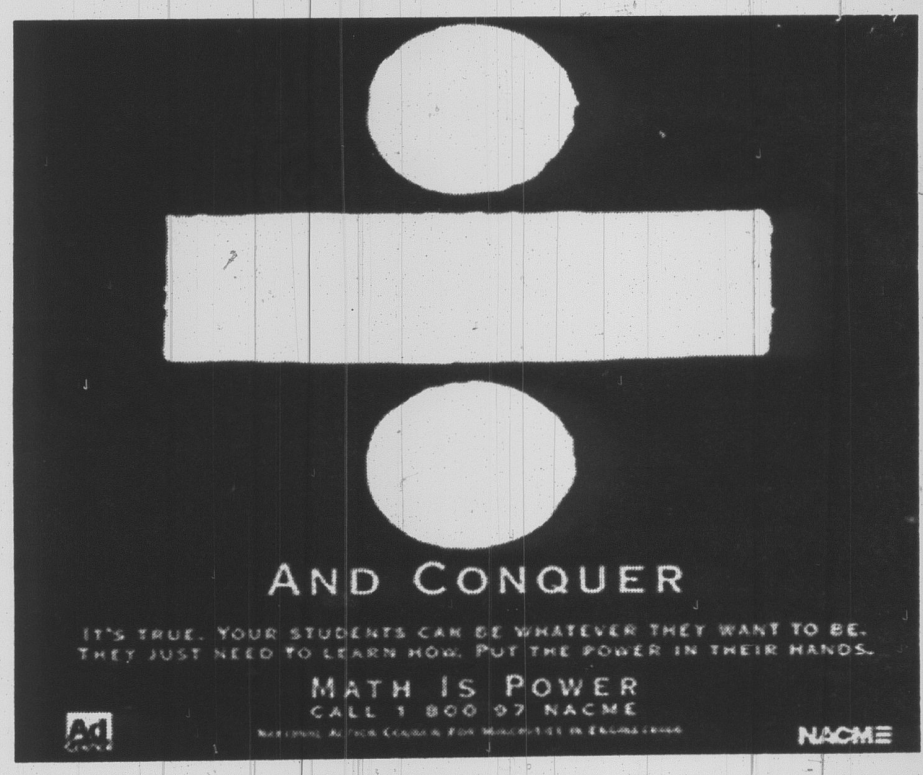
Students that choose the writing minor will see writing as creativity and an act of communication.

"Students will get out of the program what they put into it," Dr. Perkins, Chair of the English and Public Relations Departments, said.

The writing minor promises to be challenging, but will also offer rewards such as the knowledge of the professors. "We have many skilled writers behind the new minor," Perkins said. Some of the professors that will be teaching are Dr. Perkins, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Horn, Dr. Ford and Dr. Swerdlow.

Courtney Panik, junior public relations major, was interested in the new minor. "I was interested because public relations positions require good writing skills, and a writing minor would stand out to employers," Panik said.

Students must take a total of 24 hours to fulfill the minor, taking at least two but no more than four writing workshops at the introductory or advanced level.



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PRSSA ON-LINE AUCTION at www.cs.westminster.edu/~dstout/wcprssa

Westminster's chapter of the PRSSA [Public Relations Student Society of America] is proud to announce a very unique fundraiser—an online auction. The last PRRSA Auction site had some technical difficulties and was only open for a few hours. Therefore, we are reopening the PRSSA online Auction! We have a new web address, new dates and new features, but the great items you wanted to bid on are still there such as, dinner at the Steelhead Grill, a foursome at Schenley Park Golf Course and an after-work party at Mario's/Blue Lou's. The PRSSA Auction will reopen April 18 at noon and will close April 22 at 6 p.m. Our new address is www.cs.westminster.edu/~dstout/wcprssa. Or check out our chapter homepage at www.westminster.edu/Acad/engl/dept/PR/prssa/PRSSAhome2.htm Please forward this message to off-campus friends and family members who may be interested in supporting our organization! For further information, please contact E.J. Campbell at (724) 946-6333 or e-mail her at campbeej@westminster.edu

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WESTMINSTER COLLEGE'S PHYSICAL PLANT DEPARTMENT is looking for students to fill full-time positions in the crafts, custodial, grounds and secretarial areas. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Apply for these minimum-wage positions at the Physical Plant Office, S. Market St., New Wilmington, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Applications received on or before Friday, April 20, will be given first consideration.

ACCOUNTEMPS in Wexford has full and part-time jobs available. For more information, call (724) 934-8490 or visit their website at www.accountemps.com.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH has many openings for temporary personnel in a variety of positions with flexible hours. Interested students should send a resume marked "TEMP" at the top to the Office of Human Resources, University of Pittsburgh, 200 South Craig Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, or fax to (412) 624-4534. Visit the website at http://www.hr.pitt.edu for more information.

THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FORREST has summer positions available on the 2001 Zebra Mussel inspection program. This program is designed to inform and educate the boating public about consequences of introduction of Zebra Mussels into natural aquatic ecosystems. Other positions will be filled in support of the District's Recreation program. Contact Angela Mulder or Carl Jablonowski at (814) 362-4613 for information. Apply on-line at www.fs.fed.us/people/employ/asap/ and complete steps 1, 2 and 3 and then select "optional resume format for non fire-related jobs." To complete a paper form call 1-877-813-3476.

POCONO HIGHLAND CAMPS in Marshalls Creek has staff openings in all areas. Call or reply immediately for additional details and application to Pocono Highland Camps, Inc., 6528 Castor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19149 or call (215) 533-1557.

TEMPORARIES NORTH in Wexford, has accounting/administrative positions available. For more details contact them at (724) 935-2310 or (724) 772-2366.

A DOCTOR'S OFFICE in Hermitage has a temporary part-time receptionist position available. For more details, contact LeRoy Clark at (724) 347-3422 or Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338.

BAYER CORPORATION in Pittsburgh has a variety of computer-related internships available this summer. Descriptions are available in the Career Center.

THE BIG HOUSE in Ellwood City is looking for a summer intern. The center offers students mentoring relationships in a variety of programs. The intern will assist in planning and implementing events, assist with newsletters, phone calls, clean up, maintenance, etc. Must be a member of a church with a genuine love for Jesus Christ, and preferably a Christian education, religion, or education major.

The position pays $500 per month for the summer period. Contact Mike Walker at (724) 758-5248 or (724) 752-9130.

MICHAEL BAKER, JR. INC. is looking for an environmental science major to intern and do soil sampling. For more information, call Michael Anderson at (412) 269-4657.

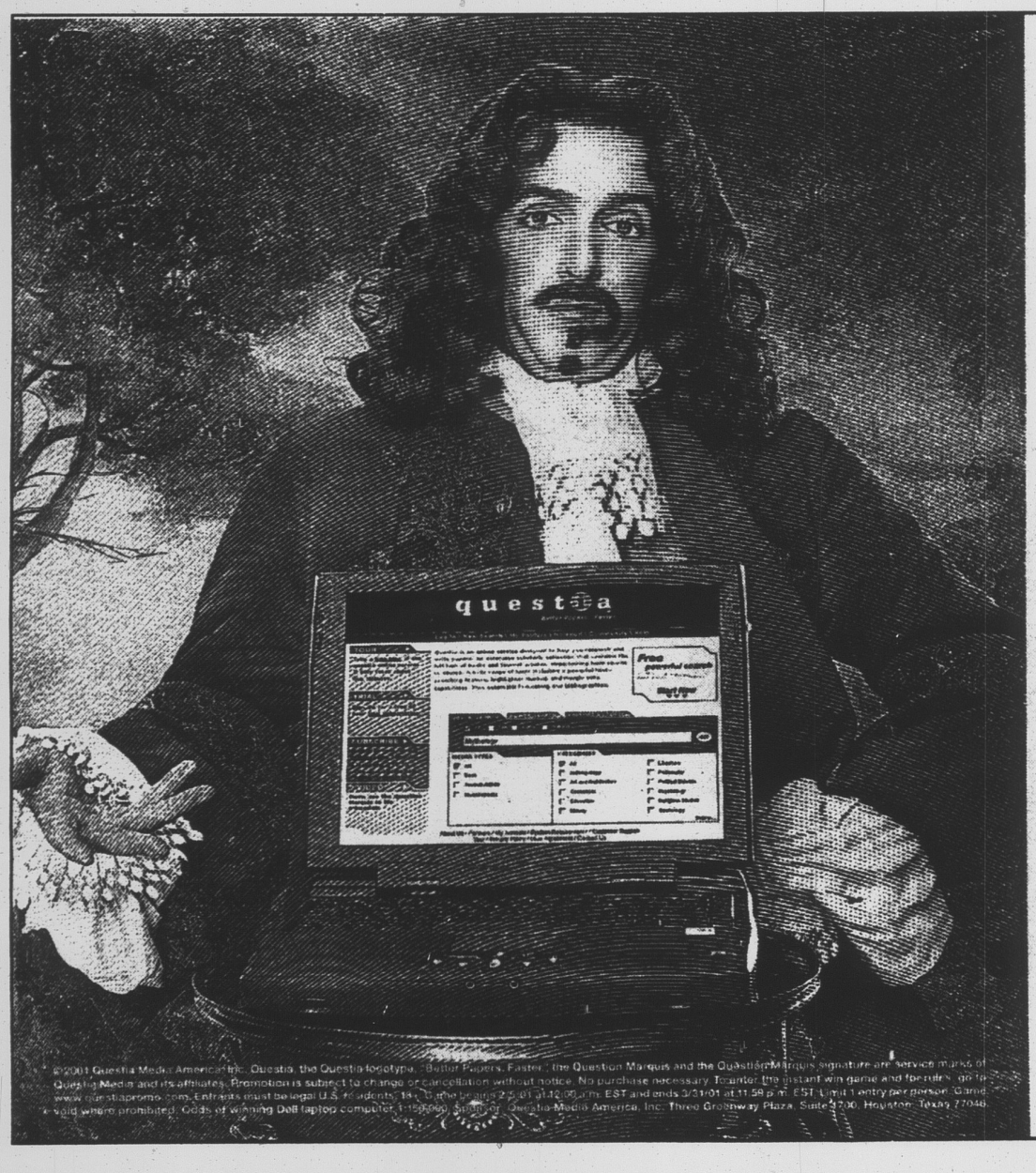
FOR RENT/SALE

FOR SALE: All four English Anthologies. $20 each or all 4 for $75. Call Sara at 946-9345 or email at bozichsl@westminster.edu.

FOR SALE: Four once-used prom gowns and one brand new prom gown All have been dry-cleaned; prices are low and negotiable. They range in size from women's 7-10 and are each a different color and style. Call EXT. 7393 or mail box 862.

For Sale: Band Pillows. The Titan Marching Band is selling pillows made from old marching band uniforms. These great-looking pillows are 18" X 14" and cost $25. They are available at the bookstore or the Westminster College Department of Music.

They are a great gift idea for students, alumni or faculty.



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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 20
Kappa Delta Pi Observes Reading is Fundamental Week (4/20 - 4/27)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bookstore Spring Clearance Sale — TUB Lounge
3:00 p.m. Softball @ Slippery Rock
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Hiram
6:00 p.m. Relay For Life Kickoff — Down Under
7:30 p.m. Westminster Women's Choir Concert — Chapel
9:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Improv Show — TUB Lounge
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under
Alpha Phi Omega Formal
Sigma Phi Epsilon Spring Formal

SATURDAY 21
EARTH DAY
Campus Visitation Day
Relay for Life — Burry Track
Men's Track and Field @ Slippery Rock Invitational
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ Bethany
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Artist in Residence Concert: Susan Shafer — Orr Auditorium
Sigma Phi Epsilon Spring Formal

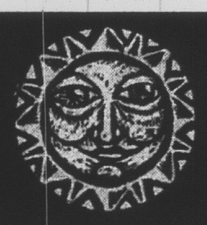
SUNDAY 22
GREEK WEEK
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Bethany (H)
1:00 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Mother/Daughter Banquet — Down Under
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Reception for Parents and Alumni — TUB Lounge
3:00 p.m. Westminster Concert Choir Spring Concert - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Vespers
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under
Sigma Phi Epsilon Spring Formal

MONDAY 23
GREEK WEEK
Kappa Delta Pi Observes Reading is Fundamental Week (4/20 - 4/27)
11:40 a.m. Chapel
1:00 p.m. Golf @ Grove City Invitational
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Bethany (H)
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 150
6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230

TUESDAY 24
GREEK WEEK
10:00 a.m. CCO Team Meeting — Down Under
11:00 a.m. Council of Chairs Meeting — TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Residence Hall Advisory Board Meeting - Lindley Dining Room
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series Special Show: Glenn Miller Orchestra - Orr Auditorium
8:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel

WEDNESDAY 25
GREEK WEEK
All Day Event: Sacred Music Symposium — Chapel and New Wilmington Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: T.J. Arant, "Benefiting from Assessment" - TUB A/B
2:00 p.m. Baseball @ Medaille
4:00 p.m. Softball vs. Ashland (OH)
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Arcadia - Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting - Location TBA
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TUB A/B
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - CFH 111
9:00 p.m. Rotaract Meeting — TUB A/B
9:30 p.m. Seekers - Down Under
TBA Miss Titan Competition — Orr Auditorium

THURSDAY 26
GREEK WEEK
8:00 a.m. Golf @ PAC Championship (Wheeling, WV)
4:30 p.m. Children's Literature Book Group — TC 314
6:00 p.m. Resident Assistants Continuous Training Meeting - Hillside Lobby
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Arcadia - Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. "Survivor" Night — Down Under



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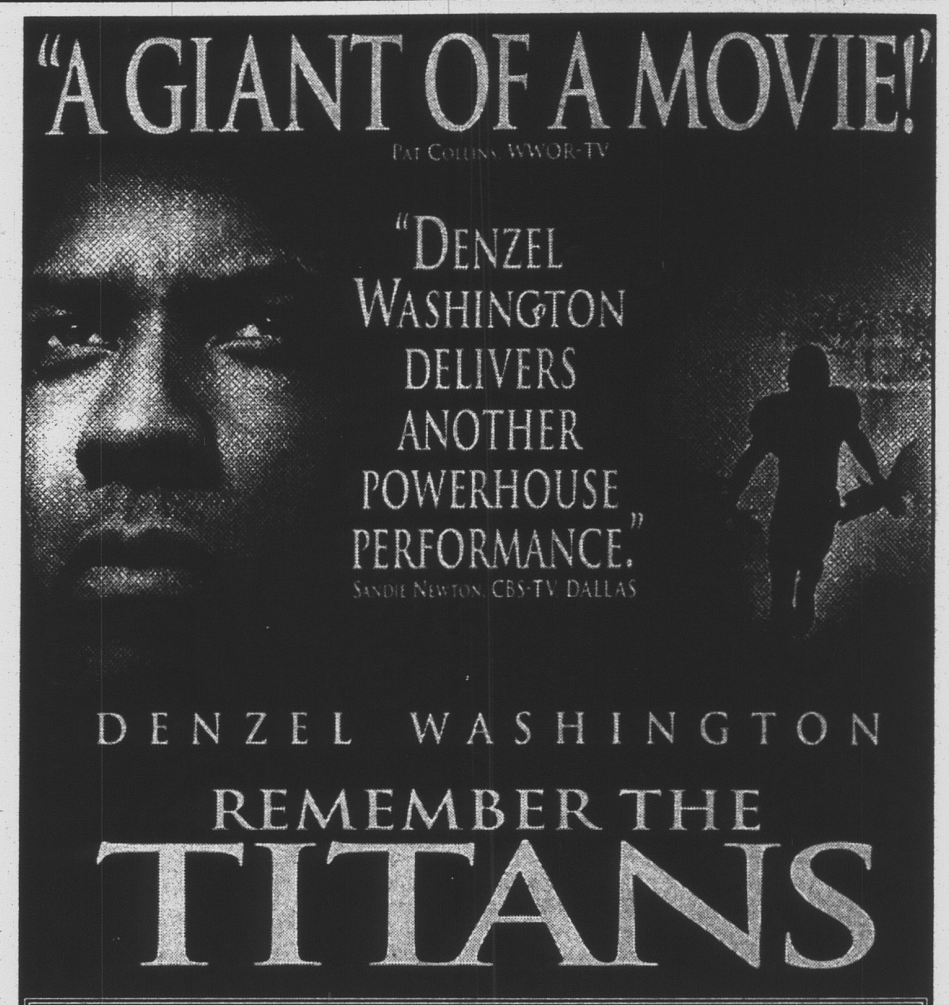

Survivor II: The Australian Outback
Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.

Remember the Titans

April 21 - Saturday 8:00 p.m.
April 22 - Sunday 9:00 p.m.

JT's Cafe

Scrawl Poetry Reading

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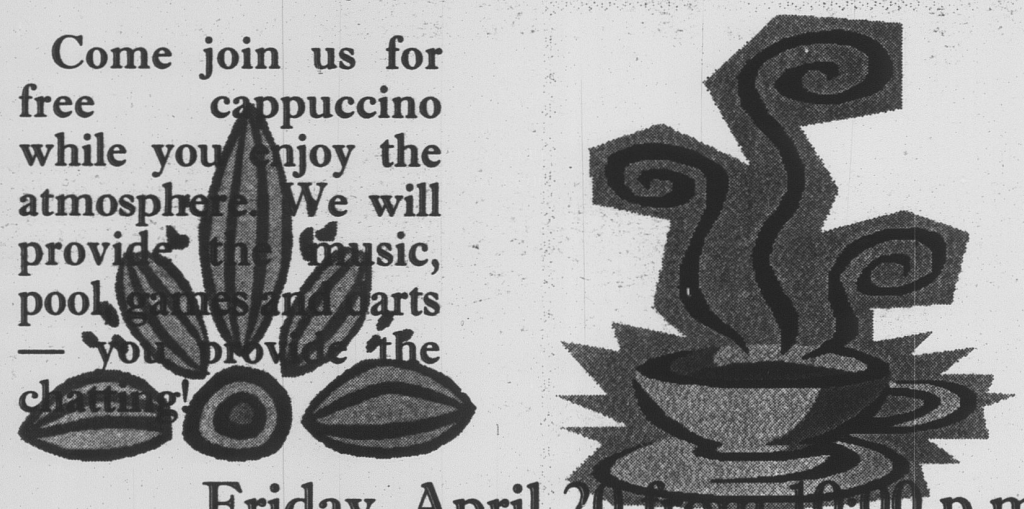

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Baked goods will be available with the cappuccino. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, April 20 from 10:00 p.m. til 2:00 a.m.

Visit the CPC Home Page at www.westminster.edu/Student/Orgs/CPC/CPC.html

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Relay For Life funds cancer research

By Alyson Karg
STAFF WRITER

The college and the surrounding community had the chance to do their part in the fight against cancer on Saturday, April 21 at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Over 600 people participated in the event held at Westminster's track in an effort to raise money for cancer research, along with promoting cancer awareness and celebrating cancer survivorship. Relay for Life participants signed up in teams, aiming to raise as much money as possible from donors. During the 12-hour event, at least one member from each team must be walking or running around the track at all times.

This year a total of $33,500 was raised at the event, and thanks to the continuing donations from the community, that figure continues to increase. Junior Dan DiDesiderio, chairperson for the event, was pleased with the outcome of the day's activities.

"I thought it was great how both the campus and the community came together and raised an amazing amount of money for the American Cancer Society," DiDesiderio said.

Freshman Tara Billock, the leading raiser of funds among college students, felt compelled to raise as much money as she could for the event.

"No one in my family has had cancer, but just knowing the statistics of how many people are diagnosed means a lot to me," Billock said.

The daylong event began with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. and closed with Zambelli Fireworks at 10 p.m. Various other activities took place throughout the day including a clown show, the survivor walk, and the luminary ceremony, where luminaries lined the track in memory and honor of those who have dealt with cancer. Senior Ryan Vaccaro, co-chairperson of the event, found the luminary ceremony to be one of the most memorable parts of the day.

"The luminary ceremony was really neat. It was really emotional for a lot of people walking to see friends' and relatives' names on the luminaries," Vaccaro said.

The event could have seen better weather, but according to Associate Dean

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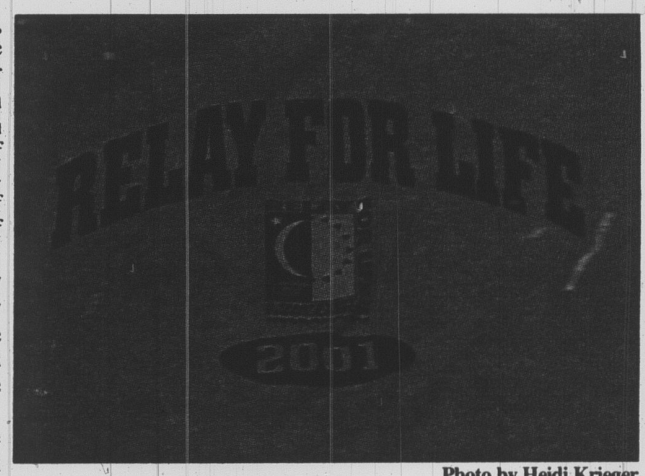

Photo by Heidi Krieger
Alpha Sigma Phi raised almost $34,000 for the American Cancer Society last Saturday.

Demonstration raises disability awareness

Photo by Chris Bauer
Dr. Ford and two students braid together ribbons as part of a NDSU demonstration.

By Mindy Falk
STAFF WRITER

On April 17th, Mr. James Cherney initiated a campuswide demonstration that involved approximately 35 people in support of the National Disabled Students Union (NDSU).

"I think that the college has done a good job with the renovations in Thompson Clark, the school is trying to make the buildings more accessible. Like anything else we need to continually improve disability access on campus," Cherney said.

The demonstration started with a brief ceremony that included playing a tape of Justin Dart Jr., who along with Robert Burgdorf, wrote the original draft of the Americans with Disabilities Act. One of Dr. David Swerdlow's classes was present at the ceremony.

After the ceremony, Cherney and other volunteers went around campus tying a braided ribbon around McGill, Old Main, TCF and the TUB.

The colors of the ribbon were purple representing pride, green representing grassroots, and orange representing perseverance. The braid was chosen to represent the unity of the NDSU's cause to other causes.

"We need to be aware of what's happening on campuses across the country in response to the Supreme Court's actions. The biggest problem of Ableism is that we do not recognize it when we see it," Cherney said.

Cherney has been involved with disabilities rights issues for a long time. His father teaches children with severe disabilities and his adopted aunt has Cerebral Palsy and uses a wheelchair.

Seeing the constant difficulties that his aunt has getting into places made him aware of the problems people with disabilities encounter. Because of this he decided to focus on disabilities issues for his graduate work.

Cherney believes that disabled people are the most oppressed minority in America because many systems unknowingly discriminate against them.

On February 21, as a reaction to the US Supreme Court verdict that limits the ADA, the NDSU was formed. This group is

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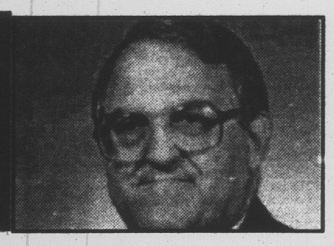

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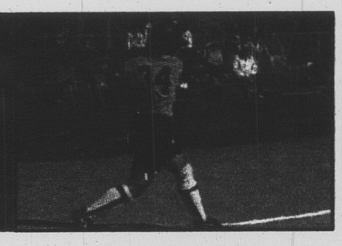

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CAMPUS NEWS

Battle of the Bands to be added to Feast and Fire

By Heidi Krieger
STAFF WRITER

Westminster will host a Battle of the Bands today in conjunction with Feast and Fire. The event will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the amphitheater.

"The Battle of the Bands is meant to celebrate the bands that have been sending me music to play on the Local Rock Mine on Tuesday nights," said junior Beth Staley, coordinator of the event. "These bands are really talented and deserve to be heard and have some publicity."

Six local bands will have the chance to perform for 20 minutes. The winning band will receive a $300 prize and get to play again at the end of the show.

One band that entered the contest is The Cram, a band from Pittsburgh. Westminster freshman, Phil Falcocchio, a member of the band, described the five-member band's sound as fusion rock with a funk twist.

When Falcocchio heard of the upcoming battle, he jumped on the opportunity to enter his band. While he admits the cash prize will be nice to help buy some equipment, he said, "The reward is just the publicity you get."

His is not the only band with Westminster ties. This Side of Eve, also from Pittsburgh, features Westminster alums John and Alyssa Creasy. They have played at the Down Under before and when they did, completely captured the audience's attention, Staley said.

Staley has been running the Local Rock Mine and has had a chance to listen to all of the music. Each band has a different style and sound. According to Staley, Lyonesse from Williamsport, Pa. incorporates many different styles into their live shows and we can expect anything.

Staley said The Grimm, from Fallen Timber, Pa., is a collage of modern and classic rock sounds, influenced by YES, Alice in Chains, Metallica and Rush.

The Cool Grand from Grove City, Pa. has a female vocalist who resembles Sara McLaughlin, and Weatherfield, also from Grove City, sounds like "Matchbox 20 meets the Counting Crows with very deep, sensitive lyrics," Staley said.

The bands will be judged by a local panel. Seniors Andy Johnson, Josh Martin and Justin Nicoletti won a chance to judge the contest during the Local Rock Mine radio show on Tuesday, April 10. Other judges are Suzanne Prestien, instructor of public relations, Dr. William McTaggart, professor emeritus and Rusty Smith, owner of Isaly's.

Marcy Blaskowitz, intern from Slippery Rock in student affairs this semester and coordinator of Feast and Fire said of the event, "I thought it was going to be a really good idea and it would get more people interested in coming to an all-campus event."

Blaskowitz added, "I think that there is interest for concerts and this is a different type of concert to have that introduces lesser known bands that are local. People might know each other."

The event is co-sponsored by national sororities and fraternites, student affairs and *The Holcad*.

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a national, student run organization.

The NDSU states, "We recognize all disabled people-those with traditionally recognized disabilities and those who have often been left out of the movement-as our brothers and sisters, and we recognize all students-those who work to learn, whether or not they are at recognized schools-as our colleagues."

"I think that because there are no elevators in the dormitories, it is hard for people with physical disabilities to get around. Everyone deserves to be treated as an equal with equal opportunities to have access to every facility and floor of a building," Marianne Davis, a senior psychology major said.

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Camille Hawthorne, the gloomy skies only strengthened the determination of those involved.

"The weather we had this year, overcast skies and spring showers, really brought out the true dedication of the community," Hawthorne said. "We had discussed previously that if it would rain on the day of the event we would cancel, but even though it was raining, people just kept walking.

"Cancer is not a fair weather disease and these people were not fair weather participants"

The entire event was held in memory of Dr. Peter Macky, a former professor at Westminster. His wife, professor of English Nancy Macky, was proud to see the great numbers of Westminster students participating in the event.

"I think this is a testimony to the great students we have at Westminster," Macky said. "This is the sort of activity that should be broadcast nationwide to show that this is what Westminster students are really like."

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

PSU black leaders receive death threats of unknown origin

By Tom Gibb
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — More than two dozen Penn State University students were arrested yesterday after they rushed the field before the annual Blue-White football scrimmage to draw attention to death threats made against black students.

The arrested students-most of whom were black-ran past police and onto the field as the band was playing the national anthem. At least one student was carried off the field by police, delaying the start of the game by about 15 minutes.

"It was passive resistance," said Bruce N. Kline, assistant director of administrative services for the university police.

"They locked arms and were resistant in that sense, but there was no active resistance, and there was no need to use spray or sticks."

The students were released from the university police station, and a police spokesman said summonses would be sent in the mail charging the students with misdemeanor trespassing and defying an order to leave.

Meanwhile, investigators at Penn State kept a round-the-clock guard yesterday on a black student leader who was threatened in a third round of anonymous hate mail sent to the school.

A team of federal, state and local investigators continued to investigate the mailed death threat, which was received Friday. It was the latest of three threats in 18 months, each targeting prominent black figures at Penn State.

"We condemn the threats and we call the person who anonymously issued them a coward," said Penn State President Graham Spanier.

The threat, written on computer, then photocopied, was mailed to Daryl Lang, a white reporter who covers race issues for the Penn State's Daily Collegian newspaper.

In turn, the writer instructed Lang to turn over a copy to the black student leader, whom Penn State investigators would not identify.

"She was quite upset and quite scared," Lang said yesterday.

Penn State rushed police protection to the woman.

Then the school sent police officers to comb the north face of nearby Nittany Mountain in a fruitless search for a body the letter writer said would be there.

"We're comfortable nothing's there," Penn State Police Service Supervisor Thomas Harmon said yesterday. "We searched the slope, and there also were a number of campers there who had seen nothing."

The university gave the incident prime play on its main Web page, www.psu.edu, asking for help finding the writer and offering a $5,000 reward.

The letter follows e-mailed threats received by scores of minority students during the past 18 months. Those threats were traced to a Temple University computer lab in Philadelphia.

At the end of September, four mailed threats, postmarked in Altoona, were mailed to a campus Black Caucus leader, an unidentified football player, a black trustee and another student.

In September, investigators found few similarities between the e-mails and those letters. Harmon said yesterday that he suspects the September letter and the latest threat are linked.

Weird News

And you thought you hated traffic court

VICTORY GARDENS, N.J. - Police say Timothy Easton's motive for burning down the town's municipal building was simple: He didn't want to appear in traffic court. Easton, 43, allegedly doused the court administrator's office with kerosene and then ignited it in an apparent attempt to destroy court records, authorities said. Easton, who is on parole for a 1979 sexual assault case, was afraid he would be sent back to jail if he was convicted of several motor vehicle violations, authorities said.

He couldn't let go

VANCOUVER, Wash. - An alleged stalker retrieved a diamond engagement ring from evidence and proposed to the victim as she sat on the witness stand. "Marry me. You mean everything to me!" John K. Flora, 46, told the woman in Clark County Superior Court. The woman, who dated Flora for eight months in 1976 and 1977, jumped up and fled after his outburst. The judge later convicted Flora of two counts of burglary and one of attempted kidnapping. He could face six to eight years in jail.

NATIONAL

Twin sisters arrested for mid-flight argument

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (Reuters) - An argument between twin sisters on a Shanghai-bound flight escalated into attacks on crew members and forced the aircraft to make an unscheduled stop in Anchorage, federal officials said on Friday.

The sisters, Cynthia and Crystal Mikula, 22, of Buckley, Michigan, were arrested when the United Airlines flight landed late on Thursday in Anchorage, the FBI said.

The twins were being held in a local jail pending a hearing before a federal magistrate on charges of interfering with an aircraft.

The FBI said their argument began about four hours after departure from San Francisco and when a flight attendant tried to calm them, Cynthia Mikula struck her in the face.

A flight captain tried to intervene by sitting between the sisters. But Cynthia Mikula hit him in the head, and then her sister put another flight attendant in a chokehold, the FBI said.

During the whole confrontation, the sisters were screaming obscenities, the bureau added.

"As to what precipitated the fight, we don't know," said Eric Gonzalez, a special agent in the FBI's Anchorage office.

The maximum penalty for a charge of interfering with an aircraft is 20 years' in prison, he said.

Gasoline prices already surpass estimated peak

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Gasoline prices, which have jumped almost 20 cents a gallon over the last two weeks in some cities, could climb even higher if there are disruptions in fuel supplies, a top energy official warned on Monday.

"If anything unforeseen should happen-a refinery go down unexpectedly, a pipeline taken out of service-we would see gasoline prices skyrocket," said Robert Kripowicz, acting assistant secretary for fossil energy at the Energy Department.

Speaking at a meeting of petroleum geologists, Kripowicz said U.S. gasoline supplies remain tight relative to consumer demand. "We are on the razor's edge of gasoline supply and demand," he said.

The most recent data from the Energy Department shows U.S. gasoline inventories at 193 million barrels, down 13 million barrels from a year ago and way below historical levels for this time of year.

The national price for gasoline at the pumped averaged $1.56 a gallon last week, already above the $1.52 summer peak the department forecast would be reached in June.

Kripowicz said higher gasoline prices, along with other rising energy costs, are helping to slow the U.S. economy.

"The last three recessions in this country have all been tied in some way to rising energy prices, and there is evidence that today's energy problems are contributing to the economic slowdown," he said.

INTERNATIONAL

Israeli-Palestinian peace talks postponed indefinitely

KHAN YUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP) - A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and 11 people were wounded during a funeral Monday, and witnesses said the shots came from the direction of a Jewish settlement guarded by Israeli troops.

Israel's army said it was checking the incident.

In the Israeli working-class town of Or Yehuda, a pipe bomb exploded Monday, injuring four people slightly. Police said the explosive was probably planted by Palestinian militants - the third such blast in a day.

On Sunday, a Palestinian militant detonated a bomb near a bus in the town of Kfar Saba, near Tel Aviv, killing himself and an Israeli doctor and wounding 50 people. The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility, and said a resident of Gaza City carried out the bombing.

Israel, meanwhile, said that while it had serious reservations about an Arab proposal for restarting Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, it has not rejected it outright.

The Palestinians have endorsed the Jordanian-Egyptian plan. Visiting Belgian Foreign Minister Louis Michel discussed the initiative on Sunday with Israeli leaders, and met Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank town of Ramallah. Belgium assumes the presidency of the European Union in July.

In the Palestinian town of Khan Yunis, about 1,500 Palestinians joined the funeral procession of a Palestinian police officer who died of injuries sustained during an Israeli rocket attack last week.

During the procession, several dozen gunmen fired in the air from time to time. The Khan Yunis cemetery is adjacent to Neve Dekalim, a Jewish settlement guarded by Israeli troops. After the burial, mourners began dispersing, and witnesses said they suddenly heard long bursts of fire. Mourners sought shelter in abandoned apartment buildings. The witnesses did not see Israeli soldiers shooting, but said the fire came from the direction of the Israeli post.

A round of talks on renewing security coordination was to have been held late Sunday, but was postponed indefinitely. The coordination, one of the mainstays of interim peace accords in recent years, broke off after the start of hostilities last September.

The Jordanian-Egyptian proposal for peace talks was still under consideration, but the government has serious reservations.

Under the plan, Israel and the Palestinians would implement a cease-fire deal brokered in October by then-President Clinton. Previous attempts to restore calm have failed, with each side holding the other responsible.

The Arab initiative would also require Israel to announce a complete freeze of construction in Jewish settlements. Once peace talks begin, the two sides would try to conclude a treaty within half a year, according to the proposal.

Japanese Prime Minister candidate quits race to support another

TOKYO (AP) - A ruling-party power broker threw his support behind a maverick reformer on Monday in the race that will bring Japan a new prime minister, virtually assuring the renegade's victory on the eve of the final vote, Kyodo News agency reported.

Liberal Democratic Party policy chief Shizuka Kamei, who finished a distant third in a preliminary party leadership poll, said he was dropping out of the race and supporting front-runner Junichiro Koizumi, Kyodo said, citing unidentified party sources.

Kamei told Koizumi's forces late Monday that Kamei was withdrawing from the election, the sources said.

Phones rang unanswered early Tuesday at LDP headquarters, as well as at the offices of Koizumi and Kamei.

A former health minister with a penchant for fiery reformist rhetoric, Koizumi completed a landslide victory Monday in preliminary voting by rank-and-file party members.

He received an overwhelming 123 of the 141 ballots from party chapters in Japan's 47 prefectures, or states, giving him a comfortable lead over Kamei and two other candidates going into balloting Tuesday by the LDP's 346 national lawmakers.

With the backing of Kamei and even a handful of his 55-member faction, Koizumi was virtually assured of taking a majority of the total of 487 votes, analysts said.

Whoever wins will become president of the ruling party, a job that comes with an appointment as prime minister.

Kamei is the leader of the third-largest faction in the LDP. Before the election, he was widely believed to control the votes of enough national lawmakers to tip the scales toward either Koizumi or the early favorite, former Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto.

"With Kamei out of the running, Koizumi is certainly the winner," said Masayuki Fukuoka, a political scientist at Hakuo University. "But support for Hashimoto is crumbling so fast that Koizumi was already on his way to victory."

Koizumi was endorsed by his own faction and two smaller party groupings, who together represent 98 votes in Tuesday's lawmaker balloting.

With 123 ballots from local party chapters already in his pocket, the 59-year-old self-styled political maverick was just three votes short of a 224-vote majority before Kamei's announcement.

In the ruling party's factional system, lawmakers give their allegiance to a senior politician in exchange for campaign support and government appointments. While they are bound by ties of loyalty to vote as their leader asks, they are not required to.

SPORTS

Softball team breaks winning streak record

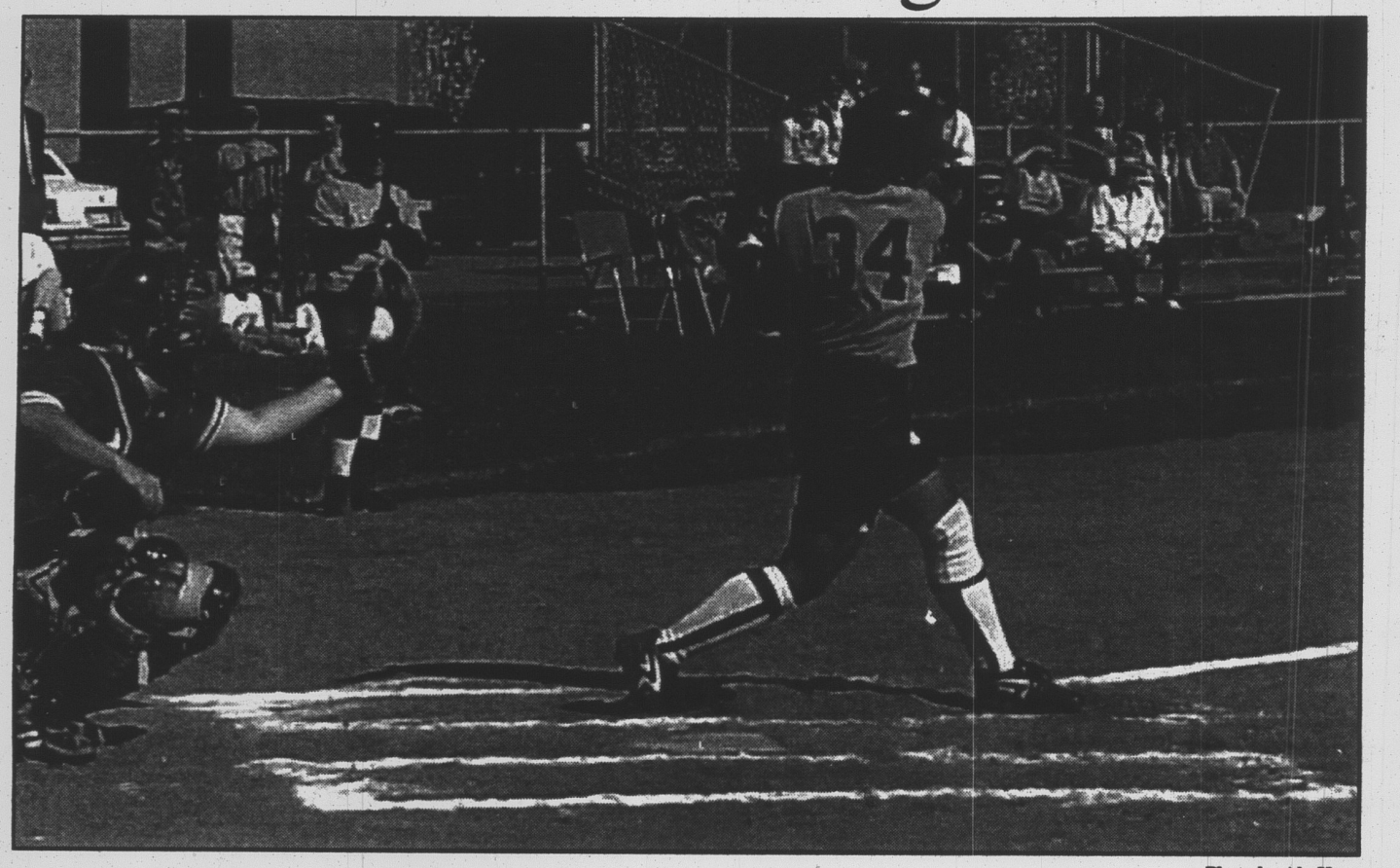


Photo by Aly Karg

Junior outfielder Katie Horgan swings at the ball.

By Laurel Miller
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Titan softball team once again increased their winning streak from 13 to 15 straight victories, making their overall season 26 and 6. These wins were a result of their triumph over Washington and Jefferson College on April 12 and Grove City College on April 18. Both games were double headers.

Both of the games on the 12th and 18th were close, but the Lady Titans managed to rally together and come out victorious in the end.

"We worked very hard to get where we are, and we are hoping to break some more records this season," senior Melissa Bajus said. Both wins were significant to the team's record, but it was the Grove City win that broke the girls' softball winning streak record.

In the first game against Grove City, there were four RBI's, two of which we scored by Melissa Bajus. In the bottom of the 7th inning, senior Courtney Behm broke the runs to capture the team's second victory over W&J. In that game Monica Dunn was the top scorer.

On the starting lineup, senior Bethany Pinker was at the pitching mound and senior Jamie Reddinger was catcher. Senior Courtney Behm was at first, junior Renee Tappe at second, sophomore Julie Purvis at short, and sophomore Darcy Sutton at third. In the outfield was sophomore Jen Petures in left, junior Katie Horgan at center and junior Monica Dunn in right. Senior Melissa Bajus was designated hitter.

In the second game there were only two changes from the starting lineup. Darcy Sutton was pitching, and sophomore Amy Putas was catching.

The team feels that as a group they are solid and bonded, their closeness contributing to how well they work together.

"Offensively we haven't been as persistent or productive as we should be, but our bats are starting to come around and overall we are a solid team. Everyone contributes something when we need it," senior Jamie Reddinger said.

The softball team still has ten games left in its season.

Titan baseball improves record to 10-7-1

By Nicholas D'Antonio
STAFF WRITER

The Titan baseball team improved its record to 10-7-1 over Easter break by sweeping a double-header against Grove City and losing an extra innings to Pitt-Bradford. The Titans are 7-0 in the PAC.

The first game against Grove City ended 1-0, on April 12, with a single by sophomore Kevin Humberston in the bottom of the sixth inning scoring senior Henry Klinar.

"I just wanted to get a hit to score Klinar. I knew that if we could get a run, then Culp's pitching would give us the win," Humberston said.

Sophomore Kevin Culp pitched his first shutout of the season. He also pitched a complete game and had two stikeouts.

"Even though we can't make playoffs because of our entrance into the PAC, we still play hard and we can judge how well we would do in the playoffs by playing teams like Grove City and Bethany, who are tied for first place in the PAC," sophomore William Davison said.

The second game of the double-header had the Titans scoreless until the bottom of the seventh inning when Westminster scored two runs to win 2-1.

Freshman Brian Goettler doubled to score Humberston and senior Tim Voelp.

Freshman Pat Boyle relieved classmate Matt Robinson to earn the win.

"It felt good to beat Grove City. The weather conditions were terrible. It also showed a lot with us coming back in the bottom of the seventh to beat them in the second game. We have a young team and it showed how well we are coming together," Davison said.

The Titans fell to Pitt-Bradford on April 16 with a score of 3-2. The runs were scored by Voelp, on a triple from Statzer, and Statzer, on a single by Davison, in the fifth inning.

Davison had three hits and Goettler had two in the loss.

"It was a tough loss, especially since it went to extra innings, but if we keep playing hard we can be untouchable. Just look for us in the playoffs in the year 2003," Davison said.

The Titans have played 20 games in their season and have three scheduled games left. They have 15 games to make up. They will have to finish the season without the help of pitcher Kevin Culp who broke his foot on April 22.

Michael Jordan rumored to be coming back

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Michael Jordan's rumored comeback has been a topic of discussion for the last few weeks. Will he or won't he? Should he or shouldn't he? Does he have what it takes at age 38 to compete against younger players? Jordan has denied these rumors, but he has also left the window open if he changes his mind, saying he is 99.9% sure he will not return. The majority owner of the Washington Wizards, Abe Pollin, said he has a "gut-feeling" that Jordan will return. This has only fueled the fire for the Jordan rumors, and Jordan has danced around the issue to the media.

Jordan made an astounding exit to his NBA career by making the game-winning shot in the 1998 NBA Championship game. Jordan retired in 1993 after winning three NBA titles and tried to make a career in professional baseball. But he returned for the NBA playoffs in 1995 and played through 1998, winning three more titles. He is not a stranger to coming back after retirement, but it is his time to call it a game. His career was nothing but spectacular and the fans will remember his many contributions to the game of basketball. If he returns, he risks the possibility of leaving by injury or embarrassment. More than likely, he will still be a power in the NBA, but he won't be the Jordan of the past. Jordan's weight reached 240 (his playing weight was 212) and he is 38-years-old. But, Jordan is still Jordan, and his previous work ethic will prove that he can get back into shape.

The three reasons for the rumors are Jordan's workouts with the Wizards and his admission that he is playing basketball recreationally at a health club; Charles Barkley's statement that he would like to play with Jordan in Washington next season; and Jordan's competitiveness that is fueled by the knowledge he still had plenty left when he retired from the Chicago Bulls after the 1997-98 season. Playing with the Wizards does not automatically indicate that he will return, but he has not done this in the past. Barkley's statement is laughable, especially considering that Barkley's weight has ballooned since his retirement. However, Jordan is an incredibly competitive man, and the challenge of returning may be enough to sway him back to the court.

The challenge of a return may be enough to get Jordan back into a basketball uniform, and yes, he will still be a competitive player. Unfortunately, he will not be the Jordan of the past due to his age and years spent in retirement, two areas over which he has no control. As much as I would love to see Jordan taking Kobe Bryant to school, it would not be in Jordan's best interest to return. He left on a great note after a great career and can be remembered as (arguably) the best player in basketball. It is not worth jeopardizing his health and reputation for a brief stint as a Washington Wizard. Jordan should stick to golf in his retirement and continue as an owner in the NBA.

Fusco to be inducted into Hall of Fame

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - Retired Westminster College head football coach Dr. Joseph B. Fusco is one of seven individuals selected for induction into the Divisional (non-NCAA Division I) Class of 2001 of the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind. The 2001 induction class will be enshrined during ceremonies at the Hall of Fame in South Bend during the weekend of August 10-11, 2001.

Fusco served as head football coach at Westminster for 19 seasons from 1972-90, posting an overall record of 154-34-3 (.814 winning percentage) and leading the Titans to four NAIA Division II National Championships (1976, '77, '88, '89). When he stepped down following the 1990 season, his career winning percentage ranked second in the nation among all active NAIA coaches with at least 10 years of experience.

"The entire Westminster College community takes great pride in Dr. Fusco's many accomplishments, both on and off the field," said Westminster President R. Thomas Williamson. "We congratulate Joe and his family on this well-deserved honor."

Fusco is just the third person in school history to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. His predecessor as Titan head football coach, Dr. Harold Burry, was inducted into the inaugural divisional class of the Hall of Fame as a coach in 1996. Former Titan offensive and defensive lineman Larry Pugh was inducted into the Hall in 1998.

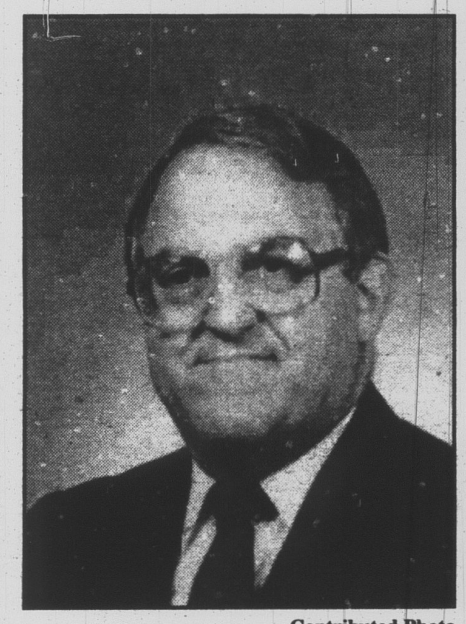
A 1960 Westminster alumnus who was an all-state selection and two-time all-district honoree at offensive guard playing for Burry, Fusco began his football coaching career as head coach at nearby Wilmington and Grove City high schools (posting a combined record of 55-14-3) before joining Burry's staff as offensive line coach in 1968. After serving as a Titan assistant for the next four seasons, helping Westminster to a 30-5-1 combined record and the inaugural NAIA Division II National Championship in 1970, he began a head coaching career that included nine NAIA national playoff appearances and 15 NAIA Division II Top 20 finishes. However, it was the national championship seasons that left Fusco an undeniable legacy of success.

Fusco led Westminster to a combined 21-1 record while capturing the 1976 and 1977 national crowns. His 1977 team finished 11-0 (Fusco's first undefeated team) and also won the Lambert Bowl trophy as the top small college football team in the Eastern United States. Fusco again led the Titans to back-to-back titles in 1988 (14-0) and 1989 (13-0), compiling a 27-game winning streak that, at that time, was the longest win streak of any college team in the nation at any level.

The 1988 championship is the most vivid in the memories of Titan fans. Nobody who was at Memorial Field in New Wilmington that cold, snowy December day will forget Joe Micchia's 33-yard scoring strike to Dave Foley on 4th-and-10 with just seconds to play, breaking a 14-14 tie and giving the Titans a 21-14 national championship win over Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Westminster made it back to the NAIA title game in 1990 for an unprecedented third time in 1990, only to fall to Peru State in Fusco's final game as head coach.

Fusco was showered with awards throughout his coaching career. He was named NAIA National Coach of the Year in 1988, while earning NAIA District/Area Coach of the Year laurels on seven occasions. In 1994, he joined Burry in the NAIA Hall of Fame. His other inductions include the Westerm Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, the Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame and the Lawrence County Sports Hall of Fame.

"I offer my sincerest congratulations to Joe on this tremendous honor," said second-year Titan Head Football Coach Jerry Schmitt, who was a three-year starter at offensive guard under Fusco at Westminster from 1978-81, leading the team to an undefeated regular season as a senior. "It was a great experience to play for him. Joe taught me many things as a player — about football, about dealing with people and about life. All of those lessons continue to help me in my current position today."



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Coach Joe Fusco

In addition to his football coaching accomplishments, Fusco also served as athletic director at Westminster from 1985 until his retirement in 1999. He also coached numerous other sports at the College throughout his 30+ year coaching career.

In addition to earning his undergraduate degree at Westminster, Fusco also earned a master's degree in education from the College in 1965 and a doctor of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1980. Joe and his wife. Gail, have two adult sons, Joe (33) and Mark (31), and reside in New Wilmington.

Sports briefs

Men's tennis win two, lose two

The Westminster men's tennis team evenly split four matches over the past two weeks, including splitting a pair of contests against PAC. The Titans fell to W&J 7-2 on April 10, but rallied for a 7-2 PAC win over Thiel on April 12. This week, Westminster topped Pitt-Greensburg 9-0 and fell at Hiram 8-1 in non-conference action.

Junior Charles Correll captured both points for Westminster against W&J, posting a straight-set win at #1 singles while teaming with senior Shawn McGoran for a win at #1 doubles.

McGoran led the way for Westminster against Thiel with wins at #2 singles and at #1 doubles with Correll. Other Titan singles winners included junior Rodolfo Sant'Anna at #4 and freshman Mike Bair at #5. Posting doubles victories were the #2 team of sophomore Ryan Harcar and freshman John Libert and the #3 team of junior Kurt Rotthoff and Bair.

McGoran and Correll led the way for Westminster with wins at #1-2 singles and at #1 doubles. Other Titan singles winners included Sant'Anna at #3, Rotthoff at #4, junior Dale Bish at #5 and senior Shawn Martina at #6. Posting doubles victories were the #2 team of Harcar and Libert and the #3 team of Rotthoff and Bair.

Men's golf rallies 11th place

The Westminster golf team finished second place out of 11 teams on April 9 at the Washington & Jefferson College Invitational at Lone Pine Country Club in Washington, Pa. Host W&J won the event with a four-man total of 323.

Junior Jim McGovern and sophomore Drew Aufderheide led the way for the Titans, each carding a 78 to tie for second place, one stroke behind medallist Adam Langford (77) of La Roche. Other Titan scores included junior Justin Young with 84, senior Mike Burnett with 85 and sophomore Dave Blazek with 85. Sophomore Josh Latore playing exhibition for the Titans, fired an 89.

Westminster College Student Government Association Presents:

Volley Rock 2001

Don't miss the most anticipated event on campus.
This year's campus-wide volleyball tournament will be held on May 5, 2001.

Highlights of Volley Rock include:
FREE LUBE WINGS
FREE T-SHIRT
SNOW CONES
COTTON CANDY
BINGO
ENTERTAINMENT
LOTS OF VOLLEYBALL!!!

Sign-up in the TUB starting this week
from 11am to 1 pm
on Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27.

Teams consist of 6 players (at least two must be female).
The cost is only $3 per person.
Sign-up before it is too late!

Questions???.....Contact Kylene Adams for further information at ext. 7042 or adamske@westminster.edu.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

STAMPER & STALEY

Blow

Beth Staley

Johnny Depp is back in *Blow*, a movie portraying drug dealer George Jung from the sixties to the eighties. Jung moves from New England to California in order to fulfill his dream to get away from his poor family and make some money. Llured by the ease of drug dealing over the schedule of a real job, Jung and some friends from home start selling marijuana with Paul Reubens (Derek Foreal). Jung and his closest friends party until their luck runs out when Jung is arrested and his girlfriend dies of cancer.

After a short jail term for possession of marijuana, Jung starts working the cocaine market with Diego Delgado (Jordi Molla,) his former cellmate in prison. At this point, Jung and Delgado partner up with Pablo Escobar's Colombian cartel and establish the first link between the United States and this famous drug lord. With Delgado and former contact Reubens, Jung makes over $25 million and marries a beauty from Mexico, Mirtha (Penelope Cruz.) Nonetheless, Jung never has time to get too comfy. This movie is filled with plot twists-enough to fill 124 minutes!

Overall, *Blow* presents a good history of the drug business in the United States. Although this movie is based on a true, interesting story, the movie lacks excitement. It feels more like a documentary about Jung's rises and falls as a drug dealer. Clichés and a slow-moving plot overshadow the drama that could have driven *Blow*. Viewers will most likely have the feeling that they're waiting for something.

However, the everlasting wait is justified somewhat by Depp's fantastic performance. He is the gem of this movie-beautiful, honest, courageous, innocent, and despicable at various times. The moments between him and his father (Ray Liotta), first girlfriend (Franka Potente) and daughter are moving and powerful. Depp's character struggles to find success and love; unfortunately, he feels that he can only be successful as a drug-dealer. As problems in his profession arise, he ultimately finds himself sacrificing any love he may have had with certain individuals. The lesson in *Blow* is tragic and dark.

Adding to the tragedy and darkness of this movie are the make-up artists. They capture the maturity of stress, anxiety, and age in every character with impeccable realism. Whether injured, high, or down and filthy, the make-up artists in *Blow* accomplish recognizable success.

Nonetheless, *Blow* is really not a huge success. The female characters are basically all portrayed as money-hungry annoyances. The plot lacks thrilling moments and thoroughly developed conflicts. At key points, many of the actors just aren't convincing. Much of *Blow* is just show! If you want a good movie about drugs, check out *Traffic* at the dollar theaters. If you're a fan of Depp, then definitely see *Blow*. Otherwise, blow it off!

Joseph Stamper

Blow blows. I admit that is a crude assessment of this film, but the pun was irresistible.

This film is base on the true story of George Jung. Jung grew up in Boston and moved to California to become a very successful drug dealer. The film picks up in the 1960's when Jung, played by Johnny Depp, first moves to California and discovers that marijuana is an easy and entertaining way to make money. Jung meets a stewardess (how convenient) who knows where Jung can get the best herb. She introduces him to a homosexual hairdresser named Foreal, played by Paul Reubens (Pee Wee Herman). I only mention Foreal's sexual preference because the close friendship developed between Foreal and Jung leads to a couple of uneventful plot twists late in the film.

After amassing a small fortune, Jung gets busted and eventually does time. Instead of learning an honest trade in prison, Jung learns about cocaine and makes Colombian connections.

The 70's snowfall (cocaine) was upon the country. The rich "George W Bushes" of the world were spending small fortunes on nose candy.

When he is released, Jung proceeds to make millions with his Colombian partner. Even though Jung masterminded the operation, his partner eventually cuts him out of the deal. Jung never really recovers from getting stabbed in the back. The film is a worthless down spiral from that point on.

Stamper's Four Corner Breakdown

Date Movie-3

The Jung character finds love at the beginning of the movie, but she dies fifteen minutes later. In addition to that romantic downer, Jung has some issues that the filmmaker decided to keep "in the closet" until the end of the film.

Special FX-5

Nothing really goes boom in this film. The only real special effect was that of the marijuana and cocaine on the characters.

Star Power-5

Johnny Depp did an excellent job as a mobster/cop in Donny Brasco, but this film is no Donny Brasco. No one really gave a bad performance, not even Pee Wee Herman (Paul Reubens) who has finally lived down his public masturbation arrest. By the middle of the film, you aren't interested in the performances...you just want the film to be over.

Plot-5

Blow was like a glorified documentary. The movie has a story to tell, but it doesn't get the audience emotionally evolved. The story is like the XFL-it's football, but who the hell cares.

Overall- Wait for the television debut

The film can be summed up in one word: mediocre. Besides the clothing, there is nothing really entertaining about this film. There is one thing to be taken from *Blow*. The film humanizes drug dealers. All of the sudden when it's a handsome Johnny Depp with a Boston accent peddling the poison, drug dealers don't seem so bad.

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Beatlemania features Fab Four impersonators, Shout

By Kendra McClymonds
A & E EDITOR

N*Sync and the Backstreet Boys had better take a back seat to the original number-one boy band of all time. The Beatles, 1960's music legends, are being honored and celebrated this Wednesday May 2 at the Mill Club in Austintown, Ohio at 8 p.m. This musical event, Beatlemania, stars Fab Four impersonators, Shout.

Interest and media attention for the legendary Beatles is igniting an explosion of popularity among people of all ages. National television specials, magazine articles and feature stories are all returning the spotlight to this "unique entertainment period and the exciting mop-topped lads from Liverpool."

According to Mcdonald-Fleming Entertainment, "The impact of The Beatles upon the world is a matter of public record. Unfortunately, very few people the world over witnessed a live performance. But now, the magic of The Beatles live on stage is stunningly recreated by Shout."

Tickets will be sold at the door Wednesday evening for $12 per ticket.

"Band in Boston"

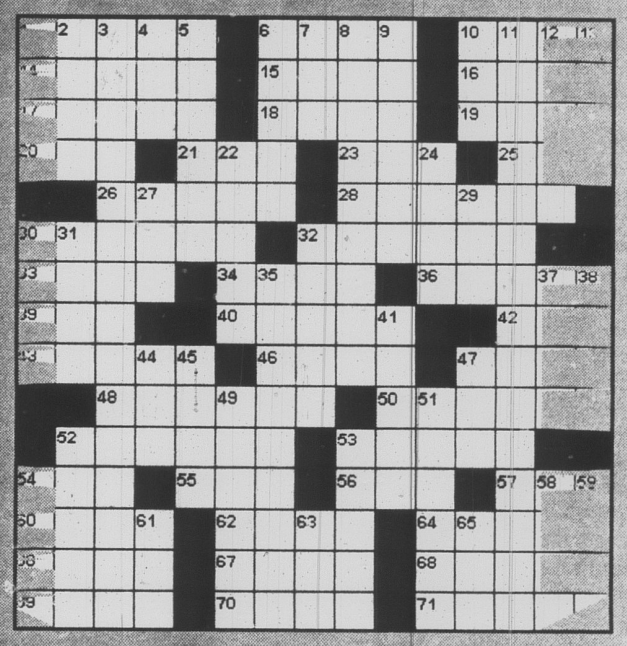
By Matt Gaffney

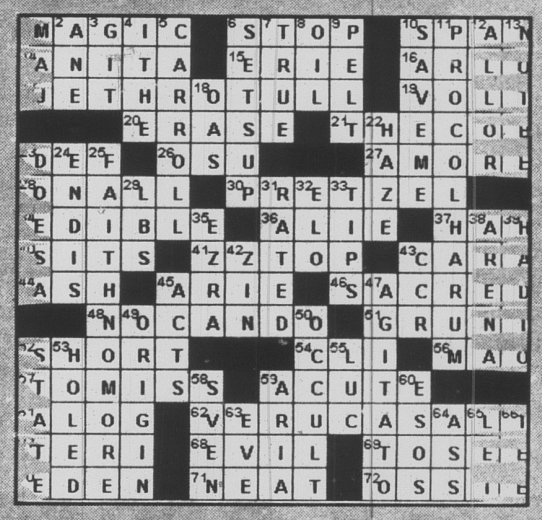
Across

1 Huge name in jazz
6 Gets with a taser
10 Fats Domino's "___ Love Again"
14 "___ You Glad You're You"
15 Take ___ from (copy)
16 "The ___ Is High"
17 "West Side Story" ballad
18 Bothersome sort
19 Gets older
20 "Thriller" lut
21 Web connection source: abbr.
23 Shaker ___, Ohio
25 Garth Brooks often wears one
26 "This ___ joke!"
28 Music ___
30 "___ of Decadence" (Motley Crue album)
32 ___ Dan
33 Mr. Ant
34 Madonna asked him not to preach
36 "... all the ___ prizes that I've never won" (XTC lyric)
39 ___ Tuesday
40 Eponymous hit album of 1985
42 Otis Redding's "___ Man Trouble"
43 Societal standards
46 Go up the charts
47 Part of RIAA
48 Doc Severinsen's home state
50 Kept entertained
52 Les Claypool's band
53 Joint a drummer uses
54 52
55 Radical suffix
56 Vicious old woman
57 The Hollies hit "___ Carousel"
60 First name in onstage antics
62 Angela portrayed her in a noted film
64 Billboard Music Award, say
66 Public Enemy's "Living in ___"
67 And so on, at the end of lists
68 Reznor of Nine Inch Nails
69 Half of Mork's sign-off
70 Queen's "Seven Seas of ___"
71 Affirmative replies

Down

1 Not quite dry
2 Have ___ of hope (get one last chance)
3 Boston group that had a #1 hit on their major-label debut in 2000
4 "Here Comes the Hotstepper" name
5 Boston group that has toured with Limp Bizkit and Kid Rock
6 "Sheik Yerbouti" man
7 KISS's favorite playing card?
8 Boston band that had a song on the soundtrack of "There's Something About Mary"
9 Pink Floyd's "___ Controls for the Heart of the Sun"
10 Sade's "Is ___ Crime?"
11 See 51-down
12 Brain output
13 Home to swallows
22 Supermodel Seymour, casually
24 "I've ___ fire and I've..." (James Taylor)
27 Dave's partner
29 They made the record "A New World Record"
30 Concert ticket information
31 Correct spelling, for example
32 Where guitarist Andres Segovia was from
35 Boston band that rocked on "Rocks"
37 "...and suddenly nobody ___ will do..." ("One" lyric)
38 Musical comedy "___ Me a Tenor"
41 ___ hole in (rip)
44 "It must be him, ___ shall die..." (Vikki Carr line)
45 "___-Charmed Life"
47 Mozart's "Die Entfuerung ___ dem Serail"
49 Boston trio that released 1999's "Lost and Gone Forever"
51 With 11-down, Boston ska-punk group who sang "The Impression That I Get"
52 Food mentioned in "That's Amore"
53 "Hobo Humpin' Slobo Babe" band
54 Give but expect back
58 Sixpence ___ the Richer
59 Musical ___
61 George Harrison hit
63 Congressional vote
65 Mineshaft material





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Aries
Love will beckon you if you join in a group that helps you to develop your creative talent. Channel your energy into your hobbies and personal interests. Do things that make you happy.

Taurus
Your personal life may experience some setbacks. Try to broach the problem with compassion. Don't be tempted to spend too much, in order to impress someone. You are the master of your own destiny.

Gemini
Your personal life will stabilize. Don't be confrontational. You'll meet opposition if you try to push your ideas on others. Be observant and save your comments for another time.

Cancer
Problems with older female relatives will quickly turn into a demanding burden if you are willing to take the brunt of the responsibility. Your partner isn't likely to share the same ideals as you. Try to be honest and open.

Leo
You will be tired, if you've taken on too much. Ask for help or an extension on your deadlines. Go after your goals, ask for a raise or sign new contracts. You can develop a good working relationship with others if you are willing to share your ideas.

Virgo
This week's scenario is highlighted by your ability to rid yourself of bad habits and non-productive people. Don't fool yourself, diets and getting in shape takes work. Analyze what you would like to improve upon. Relationships will be serious.

Libra
Don't let anyone stand in the way of your progress. Don't reveal personal secrets. Don't let yourself get run down. Empty promises will leave you feeling cold.

Scorpio
You may be judging your situation wrongly. Don't hold back, say what you think. A positive mental outlook will be the result. Competitive sports activity will ease stress you feel. Use your discipline to accomplish your personal goals.

Sagittarius
Don't hesitate to negotiate for someone you care about. Someone may try to curtail your freedom. Set them straight and don't give in. Say as little as possible and don't become involved in other people's affairs.

Capricorn
It's time to put your priorities in order. Use your discipline to finish those unfinished jobs. You'll feel much better knowing the work is done.

Aquarius
You can get ahead if you use your sharp intellect and your insight into future trends. Your greatest limitation will be yourself. Be sure to get promises in writing. Partnerships will be favorable, and you will come up with sound ideas.

Pisces
You work best when you follow your own instincts. By week's end, invite good friends over. You'll need to relax and get your mind off your work and your worries. Have fun and stop being so annoying.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

New Slate, Same Apathy.

Look at the Jr. blockers, what a fantastic group of people.

It's spring, the weather is nice, why are people complaining? School is almost over. Enjoy what you have and hope for what you lack.

Greek Week is too competitive.

I love the teachers here at WC. They are for the students.

The art in the gallery looks great! Good job everyone!

Why has Ferg. become the set for the Disney movie "Antz?"

WC Rocks!

Can we get some Coca-cola on this campus?

Barbecue Chicken Pizza needs to become a daily standard in the cafeteria. Three out of five WC students agree.

Three more weeks and no more Westminster!

I hate it when people complain about our school. If you don't like it, leave!

The teachers broke the circle of trust.

Relay was great! Thanks to Alpha Sigma Phi and WC.

If ants are going to room with me, they need to pay the dorm fee too.

I'm so sick of all this politically correct garbage! We are freshmen, just call us that and get over it.

Honestly I think the only reason freshmen take Inquiry is because there aren't enough classes.

I love how there is always a lake on the Eich. sidewalk when it rains.

If SGA is so concerned, why weren't they each selling Kennywood tickets when they were supposed to?

Ewww...why do those really big worms invade campus when it rains? Can't we get some worm-control on the sidewalks?

I really hate it when my roommates break my stuff...especially if they lie about how it happened.

More sales at the bookstore - yeah!

Why are we treated like high school kids here? For instance, not being able to have people of the opposite sex in our dorms after midnight. Do they think we don't do anything after 12?

Why can't you take a class that you need for your major at this college?

OUR VIEW: Making an effort

Last week there was a demonstration on campus to increase awareness of disabled students. At the time of the demonstration, many of us were unaware of the significance of the colored ribbons tied around the buildings on campus by demonstrators. While some believed the new decorations to be indicative of some sort of party being held within the building, others thought they might have held some sort of meaning for construction workers.

The demonstration may not have been widely acknowledged by the student body at the time, but the message it sends is something all students should think about. Imagine that you need to use a wheelchair to get around Westminster campus. You can get to most of the buildings, can actually get into some of them, but what then?

It's not hard to see how our campus is not handicapped accessible, but what exactly is the school doing about the problem?

For starters, in their renovation of TCF, handicapped ramps and an elevator were installed to allow the use of the classrooms and office to people with handicaps. Also, Hoyt was built with a handicap ramp and elevator. Conveniences are noticed in the library which offers a chair lift for the front steps. The TUB, Eichenauer, Hillside and Patterson each offer one handicap accessable floor. Patterson also has an elevator.

These things are a good start, but more needs to be done. A handicapped student can't be expected to schedule all of their classes in one or two buildings, and he or she shouldn't miss out on the opportunity to take a class because he or she can't get to it.

> We applaud the efforts of the school and the efforts of the NDSU.

What do we suggest should be done? Listen to demonstrations such as the one last week of the NDSU. Make the effort to change some things around campus to make it easier for people with handicaps. The school does a good job working with blind and deaf students who attend classes here. It can be assumed they would do the same for a person in a wheelchair. But what handicapped student would choose to come here after a college tour? We have unmanageable hills, stairs going into almost every building, and a student union almost impossible to navigate even by those who do not need a wheelchair.

The school is obviously making an effort to correct the situation, and we admit that this problem can't be solved overnight.

We applaud the efforts of the school and the efforts of the NDSU and we hope that those efforts will be mirrored by the campus as a whole. We hope that more handicap students will feel they can attend school here and when they do, that Westminster's campus will welcome them with open arms.

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Dear Editor,

In a time when a senior such as myself, surprising as that may sound, should be looking for a job I am forced to write one more letter to the editor. WHY AM I FORCED TO WRITE THIS LETTER, because my job search can not happen due to the Network being messed up again and I have to sit here in the lab waiting and wondering when it will be fixed. Wait, before all of you get in a tangent about me writing another letter to the editor about the network read the following list below.

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Cordially,

Luke Schuster

Dear Editor:

I am writing again in response to the March 23rd article on the shutting down of fraternity houses towards independent men. I am an independent male student and 95% of weekends I do not attend the parties. However, I have many male friends that are independent and enjoy the parties that are upset that they now cannot attend them. I also know many female students that are upset about this policy because the independent males that they are friends with cannot attend the fraternity parties with them.

There are many male students that enjoy the parties but for various reasons (many of them not financial) do not wish to become a member at any of the fraternity houses. Although less than half of the campus is Greek, on the weekends most of the people left on campus attend Greek activities. There are not a large number of other things to do on the campus on weekend evenings other than go the parties. By shutting down the parties to independent male students, it only creates a rift between the people that can and cannot attend the most popular activities on the weekends.

In the article it stated that this policy was implemented because of the decreasing number of men pledging to the fraternities the last few years. I believe that this is a bad way to combat the trend. I have many friends in the fraternities and any number of them will say that parties are only a small part of the experience. So how will making it mandatory to be a member of a fraternity to go to parties enhance membership numbers? Do they really want members who join only so that they can attend the parties? I would hope not.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lauffer

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FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring Sarah Lynn Phillips and Dr. James Ashbrook Perkins

Name: Sarah Lynn Phillips
Hometown: Walton, Kentucky
Nickname: "Flip"
Year at WC: Senior
Sign: Gemini
Major: Interdisciplinary Human Resources
Pet Peeves: "God, there are so many...when people walk really slow in front of you on the way to class...and when people are all passive aggressive."

SB: Given the choice, would you rather die happy or live forever?
Phillips: I think I would rather die happy and make the most of the time I have.

SB: Is school over yet?
Phillips: [laughs] Yeah...it's been over for months, work-wise.

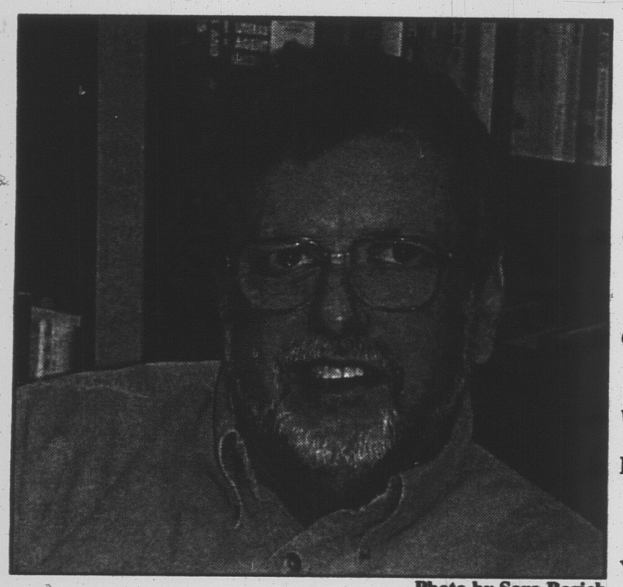
SB: In all of your schooling, who was your favorite teacher or professor?
Phillips: I love Betty Talbert-she's in the business department.

SB: If you could have any job in the world (aside from what you may do now) what would it be?
Phillips: Something fun, like reviewing movies or testing video games.

SB: Will I be famous?
Phillips: [emphatically] Yes.

Photo by Sara Bozich
Sarah Lynn Phillips

Name: Dr. James Ashbrook Perkins
Hometown: Covington, Kentucky
Nickname: "I had one in high school-Spider."
Year at WC: 28th
Sign: Aquarius
Department: English/Public Relations
Pet Peeve: "People who say "like, ya know?" and sit in the back of my classrooms with their baseball caps on...that about covers the entire student body."



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Dr. James Ashbrook Perkins

SB: Given the choice, would you rather die happy or live forever?
Perkins: Well, since I don't think we're going anywhere, I'd choose live forever...but only if I could keep teaching seven courses a semester, or whatever it is I do here.

SB: Is school over yet?
Perkins: Well, I don't get to choose this, it's set up by the college calendar. And as a matter of fact, it's not.

SB: In all of your schooling, who was your favorite teacher or professor?
Perkins: This is a chance to piss off everyone...good thing is, most of them are dead. I guess it would be Dr. Charles T. Hazlerigg at Centre College.

SB: If you could have any job in the world (aside from what you may do now) what would it be?
Perkins: I would be a full-time caretaker for my grandsons, Joshua Philip and Rory Michael.

SB: Will I be famous?
Perkins: Well...if you pick more important people to write profiles of, perhaps. You're aiming fairly low at the moment.

Survivor II: In act of selflessness, Rodger requests to be voted off for Elisabeth's sake

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

In this emotional episode, minus Amber, the remaining Survivors battled something internal - missing their families. On top of all of that, they continue to waste away to nothing, citing the lack of food and boredom as their two largest problems.

The rewards challenge this past week gave each Survivor the opportunity to chat online with their loved ones from home for a brief minute or two. Then each Survivor's respective loved ones had to answer a series of trivia questions. The loved one who correctly answers the most questions won a 30 minute private chat with their family. The family won a $500 shopping spree. The losers each got the opportunity to say goodbye, plus a Danish and coffee.

Keith used his few minutes with his girlfriend to propose marriage. She said yes. The reward challenge definitely boosted morale at the Barramundi campsite.

Immunity this week was called "Jail Break." Each Survivor was shackled while racing through an obstacle course. At checkpoints the Survivors had to answer questions. With each correctly answered question, they got a key to unlock one of their shackles. Colby managed to make it to the finish line first with all of his shackles unlocked, therefore winning immunity again.

At Tribal Council, we saw a refreshed Amber return as a juror. Rodger was the next to leave, after telling the remaining Ogakor majority to choose him over Elisabeth because he did not need the money as much as she did.

Cigarettes and Alcohol

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

"I'm waiting for her to quit, too," is the line I walked in on. It was Aimee, my best friend. I gave her a puzzled look that lasted all of two seconds until I looked at all three of them: Scott, my boyfriend, Jess, from school and Aimee.

"Yeah, you're all waiting for me to quit, aren't you!" I said.

I don't know why my friends choose to blame me for their cigarette smoking habits. As if I pressure them to inhale the smoking sticks and don't let them quit.

Aimee has quit countless times. I never encourage her to start again, but she always does. It has more to do with her boyfriend than it does me.

Scott has asked me to quit so he can. But I don't understand why it all has to rely on me. Why don't they just quit smoking if they want to-and then encourage me to quit, instead of claiming I'm the only answer? Am I that big of a smoker?

Jess is a social smoker, but she smokes more in my presence. She says I make them look so good. I find the same situation in movies. Something with the lighting or the angle of the cameras causes cigarette smokers to look so cool-like Winona Ryder in Girl, Interrupted or Julia Roberts in My Best Friend's Wedding. Men look cool too, like Bruce Willis in Die Hard. I don't know what it is.

As a teenager, I loved the Oasis song, "Cigarettes and Alcohol" just because the chorus and title referenced cigarettes-which was just so cool.

I don't necessarily smoke because it looks cool in movies or sounds good in songs, and yes, of course, I understand the health risks involved with my habit. But I don't just smoke because my friends do, although as of late it seems they do for me.

My father and Julie smoke and have smoked as long as I can remember. It's become a bonding measure for Dad and me. "Aw, Sar, just stay and have a smoke with me," he says.

Then there's my mother. All through high school, she yelled at me for smoking. She threatened me, she punished me. All along, I knew she was smoking. I almost caught her in the act once, and I found cigarettes on her person at least two different times. Now, all of a sudden, she's out of the closet with it. It's wild. Now I'm allowed to smoke in my house and I am no longer ridiculed for the stench that permeates my clothes after a night out. It's whack.

As for me, I smoke because I'm addicted, and to be honest with you, because I still like it. Scott's at the point where he doesn't like it anymore, he just does it because he's been doing it. Jess is probably in the same boat as me, although she seems to feel guilty about her indulgences, maybe because she doesn't have the same kind of nicotine-happy parental figures that I do.

However, there are nights when I think I should just quit and start anew. Wake up in the morning and go jogging, have fruit for lunch, exercise. No. Doesn't happen. I will quit. I'm not going to smoke forever. But I'll do it when I'm ready. In the meantime, my friends are going to have to make their own decision.

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SLIPPERY ROCK THEATER presents William Shakespeare's Othello Wednesday-Saturday, April 25-28, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m. in Miller Auditorium. For more information, e-mail daveburgh@yahoo.com <mailto:daveburgh@yahoo.com>

THE STUDENT LIFE AND ATHLETIC COUNCIL recommends to the campus community a new student organization - The Outdoor and Conservation Club. The purpose is to provide students with an opportunity to promulgate and promote outdoor safety, conservation and management of wildlife resources. Activities will include firearms and archery safety training, practice with these weapons, conservation projects to support wildlife resources and developing relationships with state, local or private organizations with similar purposes. Objections to the recognition of The Outdoor and Conservation Club should be directed in writing to Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs, by May 11, 2001.

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Calendar of Events

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GREEK WEEK
8:00 a.m. Golf @ PAC Championship (Wheeling, WV)
11:40 a.m. Chapel
Noon Preschool Lab Parenting Presentation: Frasier Zahniser, speaker
5:00 p.m. Feast and Fire — Anderson Amphitheater
6:30 p.m. Battle of the Bands — Anderson Amphitheater
7:30 p.m. Poetry Reading — Chapel
7:30 p.m. Kappa Delta CDC Meeting — TUB A/B

SATURDAY 28
GREEK WEEK
Baseball PAC Tournament
Softball @ Ohio Northern Tournament
Men's Track and Field @ PAC Championships (Bethany, WV)
Theta Chi Lake and Grounds (Alum Weekend)
10:30 a.m. Men's Tennis vs. Cedarville (H)
11:00 a.m. Spring Honors Convocation — Orr Auditorium
3:00 p.m. SCRAWL Publication Celebration: Fiction Reading by Wendell Mayo, nationally acclaimed short story writer and announcement of poetry and fiction con test winners
3:00 p.m. Phi Mu Parents' Luncheon — TUB A/B
6:00 p.m. Mass (please note time change)
8:00 p.m. Sing and Swing - Orr Auditorium
Kappa Delta Parents' Open House

SUNDAY 29
Softball @ Ohio Northern Tournament
3:00 p.m. Westminster Orchestra Concert - Orr Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Vespers
7:30 p.m. Kappa Delta CDC Meeting — TUB A/B
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 30
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 150
6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
6:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
7:30 p.m. Westminster Music Faculty Showcase: Nancy Zipay DiSalvo—Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting — TUB A/B

TUESDAY 1
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10:00 a.m. CCO Team Meeting — Down Under
5:00 p.m. SAA Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel
7:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal — Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Westminster Faculty, Sharon Rotuna, Concert in the Round — Orr Auditorium

WEDNESDAY 2
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Nancy Macky, "Living Poets Society: Unburied Treasures" - TUB A/B
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. St. Vincent (H)
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Recognition Dinner
6:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Show: Bear Tales — HSC 116 (Planetarium)
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster Spring Production: The Heiress — Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TUB A/B
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - CFH 111
9:00 p.m. Rotaract Meeting — TUB A/B
9:30 p.m. Seekers - Down Under

THURSDAY 3
6:00 p.m. Residence Life Picnic
6:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster Spring Production: The Heiress — Beeghly Theater

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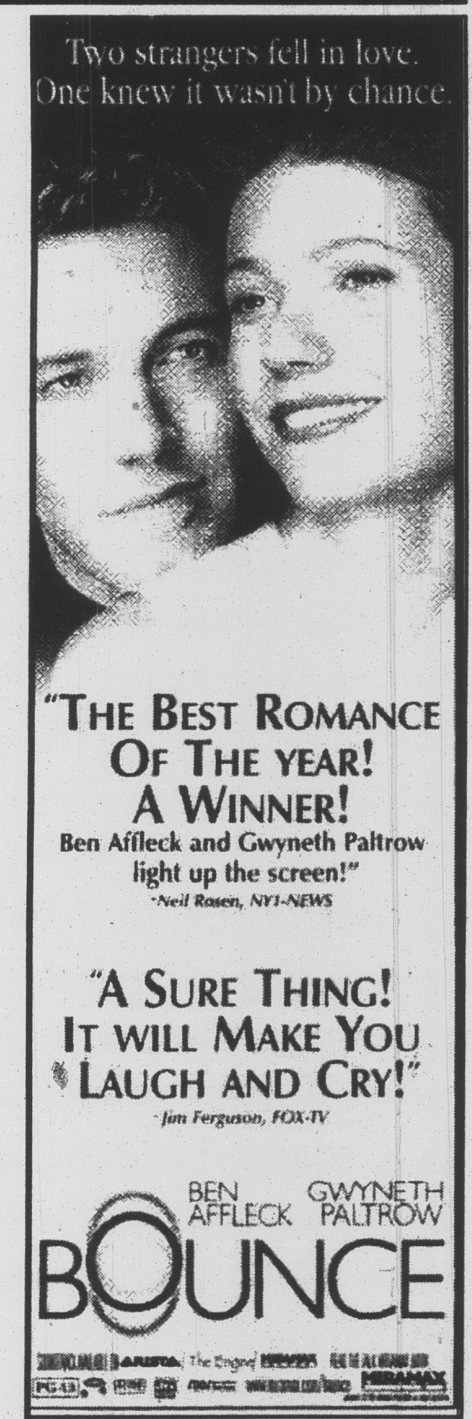

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Graduating seniors make future plans

By Dee Natale
STAFF WRITER

The future looks bright for many students graduating this year. While dreaming about the possibilities that lie ahead is a favorite pastime throughout college, these students have their feet planted firmly on the ground.

Nathan Carlin, a history major, will pursue a master of divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. "I chose history as my major because I thought it would be the most useful major to prepare me for the seminary," Carlin said. "However, in time, I fell in love with history."

Carlin credits three professors with preparing him for the next step in his vocation, Dr. Russel Martin, assistant professor of history; Dr. Kang-Yup Na, assistant professor of religion and Dr. Jeff Kripal, associate professor of religion. "Dr. Martin gave me history and self-esteem, Dr. Kripal shattered the remnants of my assumptions and gave me Freud and Dr. Na...is such a man of moral and intellectual integrity, that I know it is possible to be a Christian and a scholar," Carlin said.

The religion department offers more than an academic exploration of the Bible, according to Carlin. Despite its connections to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), there is a pluralist spirit in the air allowing students to look at many types of religions.

Carlin, a native of Portersville, plans to spend this summer working in a steel mill. After graduation from Princeton, he is willing to go wherever a need exists. "I would like to focus on pastoral care including family and marriage counseling," Carlin said.

Dawnelle Paldino, a psychology major, will attend the State University of New York (SUNY). She received a scholarship for in-state tuition and will hold a teaching assistant-

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Joseph takes stage at WC

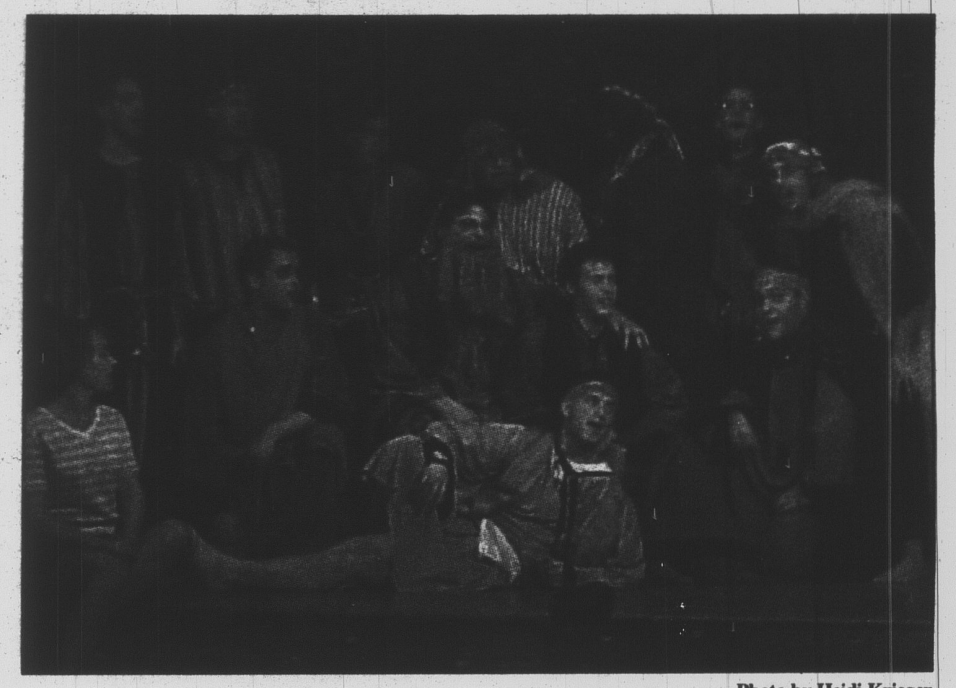

Photo by Heidi Krieger
***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* will be performed Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.**

By Megan Clark
STAFF WRITER

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be presented Sun., May 6 at 2:00 and 7:00. According to senior musical director, Jessica Beblo, this year's chapel drama is completely student-run. Sixty Westminster student actors, musicians and directors will portray the biblical story of Joseph.

The role of the narrator-Sunday school teacher is split between senior Summerlea Hobbs, and sophomore Keri Conger. Joseph is played by freshman Nathan Zuzack. Junior Ryan Saeler plays the part of Pharaoh, and freshman Ben Abel will play the roles of Potiphar and Jacob. The show is directed by junior Craig Gottschalk.

Gottschalk, who has been involved with the chapel dramas for two years, said this year, those involved developed a firm mission statement for the goals of the cast, crew, directors.

"We are not just putting on a musical. We are spreading God's word through a musical," Gottschalk said.

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Sigma Nu put on probation

By Jacquelyn Selznick
STAFF WRITER

Sigma Nu has not been open for its usual Saturday night parties for the last few weeks. This is due to the fact that they have been temporarily placed on probation, because of hazing violations during this year's pick-up day activities.

Traditional pick-up day activities include breakfast in the morning, the pick-up ceremony where new pledges are thrown into the lake by the brothers of Sigma Nu, an activity in the afternoon (this year's was capture the flag), as well as a few other undisclosed events that took place later that night.

An unidentified witness to the events reported the evening activities, which were considered to include hazing, to Dean of Safety and Security John Lechner, who responded by sending a letter to Sigma Nu's nationals informing them of the situation.

Nationals sent a representative to Westminster, who observed the chapter, as well as interviewed various people on campus about the events. The representative determined that the events did include hazing and that the new pledges were put in danger. The result was Sigma Nu's charter was temporarily taken away.

Sigma Nu president, Bryan O'Neil, is confident that the chapter will regain its charter

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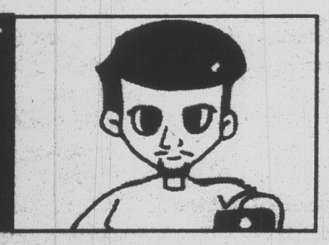

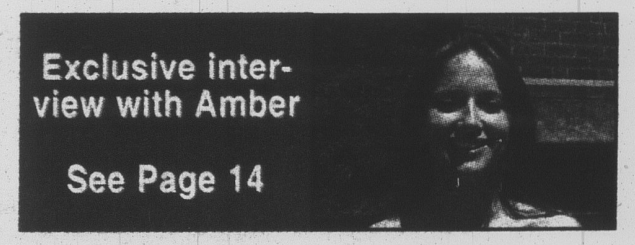

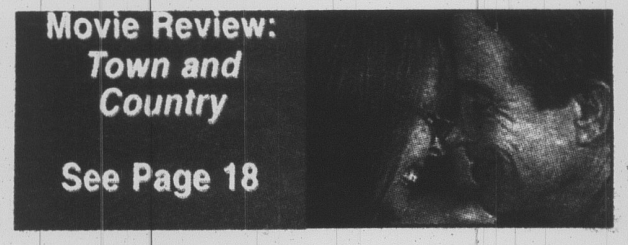

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CAMPUS NEWS

The Cram conquers at the Battle of the Bands

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

Westminster College's Anderson Amphitheatre was home to the first annual Battle of the Bands on April 27. Junior Beth Staley organized the event, which showcased five bands: The Cool Grand, This Side of Eve, Weatherfield, Lyonesse and the Cram.

All of the bands have been featured on Staley's "Local Rock Mine," a weekly show on Westminster's radio station, 89FM.

Westminster English Instructor Suzanne Prestein, former Westminster English Professor Dr. William McTaggart, and Rusty Smith, owner of Isaly's, judged the bands.

"I was really impressed with the bands' talent. To be honest, I wasn't expecting the bands to sound as good as they did," Prestein said.

In addition, three students were selected to judge the show: Senior Justin Nicolette, senior Josh Martin and senior A.J. Johnson.

"Our job as judges was tough. All the bands were great, and they all deserved to win. It was really hard to pick a winner," Nicolette said.

The show began at 6:30 when The Cool Grand took the stage. The band's lead singer had a voice reminiscent of both Sarah McLaughlin and No Doubt's Gwen Stefani. Martin likened the band to Brownie Mary. The band itself had a very mature sound. They never lost a beat, and one could tell they have been playing together for a long time.

Their first song, "Can't Sleep," had a very pop, radio-friendly feel to it. If the band makes it big, this would be a likely choice for a radio single.

Another song, "Ballroom," was a ballad-type song comparable to the Barenaked Ladies' "Break Your Heart."

Guitarist Eric Marshall appreciated the chance to play at Westminster

"I love this place. I thought we were going to playing in a concert hall or something. This is like Woodstock," Marshall said.

Lyonesse, the next band, contrasted the upbeat, pop sound of The Cool Grand. Consisting of E.G. McNaughton on bass, Jim Wall on guitar and Adam Webster on drums and vocals, the band had a very dark sound. McNaughton listed the bands' influences as mainly Rush and Tool.

The band played two cover songs, one by Godsmack and one by Tool. Although faithful to the originals, the band was a lot darker and angrier than many Westminster students were prepared to appreciate.

This Side of Eve played next. They were the second band fronted by a female. They were comparable to The Cool Grand, although they didn't sound as together and mature as The Cool Grand did.

Their songs took listeners back to the days of a younger, inexperienced Pearl Jam. Their solo jams, although cool at first, quickly became lost. Solos in slow songs are like speeches, they should be clear and audible and eventually come to a point. This Side of Eve's solos started out strong, but never got to the point they attempted to make.

Weatherfield, the night's runner up, was the fourth band to take the stage, fronted by three vocalists, Jeremy Shaw, also the lead guitarist; Matt Green, also the bassist; and Bo Bucklen, also a guitarist. Dan Csontos played drums. They received $200 for being the runner up.

Each of Weatherfield's songs featured at least two of the vocalists, the only band to do so that night. The dual vocals created some great harmonies, though their set leaves listeners questioning Shaw's ability as lead singer. He sounded flat at times.

Csontos' drumming did come off slightly sloppy as well.

The band bore an amazing resemblance to Bush, so much that those just arriving to the show would undoubtedly mistake Green for Bush front-man Gavin Rossdale.

Photo by Heidi Krieger

The Cram, featuring Westminster freshman Phil Falcocchio on drums, took home first prize.

The last band of the evening was the winner, The Cram. The band's drummer, Phil Falcocchio, is a Westminster student.

The Cram was announced as the night's winner, and deservedly so. They were the only band that MOVED AROUND on stage at all. While the other bands merely played music, The Cram PERFORMED. The lead singer, with the hair of Rage Against the Machine's Zach De La Rocha, ran around the stage with the energy of a strung-out aerobics instructor.

The band itself was very together and mature-sounding. They have a very 311-ish sound to them, which does lend itself to an active stage show.

The turnout for The Cram was the biggest of any band that night, and the crowd got what they came to see: high energy, high - quality rock.

The band received $300 and the chance to perform an encore as the winner.

Overall, the Battle of the Bands was very well-organized success. It managed to bring Westminster students out to enjoy a night of great local music.

"I'm very pleased with how the night turned out. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Congratulations to The Cram and Weatherfield, and thanks to all the bands who participated," Staley said.

Music dept. presents Spring Concert and Senior Celebration

The Music Department is pleased to announce a Spring Concert and Senior Celebration featuring both the college Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band to take place on Friday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. The Wind Ensemble is a select ensemble of forty musicians whose performance will include: Vincent Persichetti's Divertimento for Band, a very challenging and technical work and Alfred Reed's Hounds of Spring, a wonderfully rhythmic work with beautiful melodic lines.

The Symphonic Band is a full concert band of seventy-four musicians whose performance will include: Ralph Vaughan Williams' English Folk Song Suite, one of the classic pieces of band literature, John Barnes Chance's Incantation and Dance, a hauntingly melodic work with difficult percussion demands, and a recent composition from Frank Ticheli entitled An American Elegy, written as a healing piece for the tragedy at Columbine High School.

Also performing will be the College Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Percussion Instructor Mr. Bret Dietz, and a woodwind and piano trio.

The music continues on Saturday, May 5 in Anderson Amphitheater, featuring the Jazz Ensemble. The Jazz Ensemble will feature classics such as "Caravan," "Stolen Moments," "Full Count," "Slide Show" (a trombone feature) and more. In the case of cold or rainy weather, this concert will move to the TUB Lounge. This concert also begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble are under the direction of R. Tad Greig.

All concerts are free.

PA CleanWays still looking for volunteers to pick up trash

PA CleanWays is in need of volunteers for the May 5 and May 12 Cleanups.

PA CleanWays is a nonprofit organization empowering people to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Pennsylvania.

Sat. May 5 (Need 20+ volunteers)
Beechwood Road Property (New Wilmington)
7:30 a.m. to Noon

Sat. May 12
Jockey Moore Road Maintenance (Wayne Township)
7:30 a.m. to Noon

Sat. June 16
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New Castle Super Walmart 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wayne Twp VFD 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wilmington Twp Municipal Builing 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Cleanways meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lawrence County Government Center in the Commissioner's Meeting Room. Anyone interested in working with the organization is free to attend.

Miss Titan raises money for Alzheimer's research

By Paula Devido
STAFF WRITER

The Miss Titan Contest, the annual fundraiser of The Sigma Kappa Sorority, was held April 25 at Orr Auditorium.

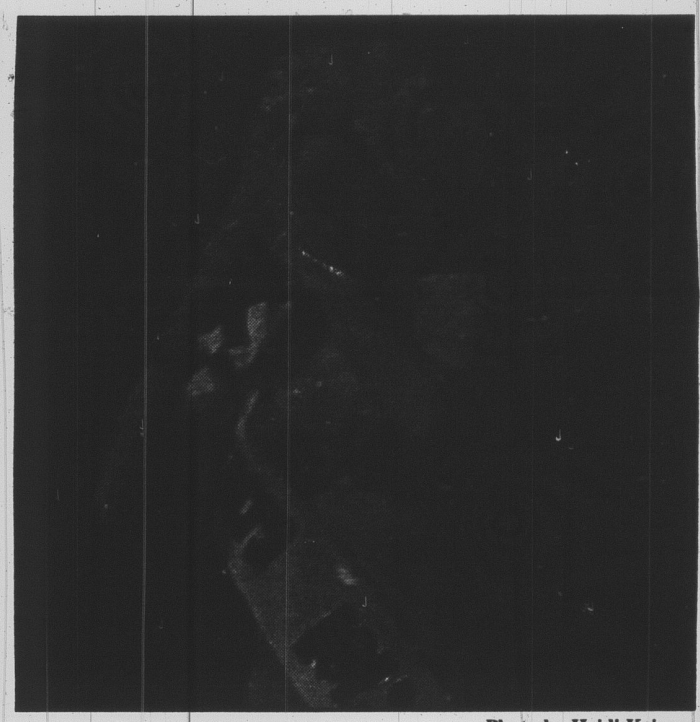
The Miss Titan Contest is a mock beauty pageant featuring male students sponsored by Greek and various other campus organizations. There were 15 participants this year.

Each contestant's organization pays a $20 entry fee. The proceeds from this philanthropic event aid in research for finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease. This year the contest raised $800 from ticket sales and donations of money and products from local businesses.

This year's winner was Joe Patoray, who represented the PanHellenic Council. Joe and the other contestants competed in bathing suit and evening gown competitions followed by a round of impromptu questions.

Jennifer Williamson and Heidi Holets organized the event. "It definitely is our biggest fundraiser and it is great way to get a lot of students involved, we have a lot of fun with it," Williamson commented. Miss Titan has been a Westminster tradition for the past eight years.

Photo by Heidi Krieger
Miss Panhel, Joe Patoray, won the title of Miss Titan 2001.



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Miss Phi Kappa Tau, Dan Beckwith, blows a kiss to the audience.

Greek Week and Sing and Swing come to a close

Photo by Heidi Krieger
Greeks and independents gather at Feast 'n Fire.

By Mindy Falk
STAFF WRITER

Greek Week festivities started on Monday, April 23rd and concluded on Saturday April 28th with Sing and Swing 2001 and the presentation of awards for all of the week's activities.

Sarah Anzelmo and Nathan Tengowski were the co-chairs of Greek Week, while Alan Eargle and Marissa Betters were the assistant chairs for the weeklong activities.

"It was very important for us as chairs to be professional throughout the week. Although you want to see your fraternity or sorority succeed, you have to maintain your professionalism. I just wanted to make sure that everyone had fun," Tengowski said.

It took a tremendous amount of hard work and time to organize and implement the events, but the chairs were able to pull off a very successful week.

Alpha Gamma Delta won Greek Week and Greek Olympics for the sororities, while there was a tie between the fraternities Alpha Sigma Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon for Greek Week. Phi Kappa Tau won Greek Olympics.

The spirit award went to Alpha Gamma Delta and Alpha Sigma Phi, and the best sportsmanship award was given to Sigma Kappa and Alpha Sigma Phi.

The theme for Sing and Swing this year was "Teen Idols." Last year's sorority winner, Alpha Gamma Delta chose Janet Jackson, while Sigma Kappa chose Ricky Martin, Kappa Delta chose Britney Spears, Zeta Tau Alpha chose Elvis and Phi Mu chose Madonna.

Last year's fraternity winner, Theta Chi, chose David Cassidy, Phi Kappa Tau chose New Kids on the Block, Sigma Phi Epsilon chose Michael Jackson, Sigma Nu chose N'SYNC, and Alpha Sigma Phi chose Boyz II Men.

"This was the best Sing and Swing and Greek Week that I have been a part of. It was very competitive and the guys were just as good as the girls," Tengowski said.

Zeta Tau Alpha took home first place for Sing and Swing. Theta Chi held the first place title for the second year in a row.

"Everyone did a great job and we were very excited to win. All the hard work and practice was worth it," junior Zeta Jacquie Selznick said.

"We worked really hard for this event and we were very glad to see that it paid off," sophomore Theta Chi Clark Stephenson said.

"We knew that it would be harder to win a second year in a row, especially with the competition."

The Greek God and Goddess candidates were announced during Sing 'N Swing. The sorority candidates were Sig Kap's Kelly Smith, Kappa Delta's Betsy Finley, Alpha Gam's Stephanie Higgins, Phi Mu's Renee Koricich and Zeta's Summerlea Hobbs.

The fraternity candidates were Alpha Sig's Ryan Mathieu, Phi Tau's Dave Boyle, Sig Nu's Chris Roscoe, Sig Ep's Ryan Sidorchuk and Theta Chi's Jeremy Timko.

The winners were Zeta's candidate, Summerlea Hobbs and Sig Ep's candidate, Ryan Sidorchuk.

Zeta Tau Alpha hosted a fundraiser for Big Man on Campus. This year's winner was Sig Ep's Ryan Moore. They raised approximately $600 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Fund, with a $100 going to the Sig Ep's philanthropy for winning.

Sing and Swing donations went to the Lynch family, the Greek life adopted family. At the event, $970 was collected, but it is likely the family will be presented with a check for an even $1000. Each sorority and fraternity take turns making care packages and sending gifts to the family after the tragic death of Westminster graduate Bill Lynch, who left behind three children and his wife, Carolyn, also a graduate of Westminster.

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The show, which lasts about an hour and a half, was choreographed by freshman Amanda Ries. Beblo and assistant musical director, sophomore Richard Leigh, are involved with the songs, which range in style from country to calypso. The accompanist is senior Avis Devine, and junior Brian Kelly is the technical director.

Zuzack, who has musical experience from high school, wanted to be in Joseph because of the wide variety of musical styles. He said even though the cast only meets twice a week to rehearse, there is a lot of outside work required.

Gottschalk also mentioned the demanding task of learning lines and songs. Working with a large cast can also be demanding. However, Zuzack said the cast and crew get along well together. There is a chemistry between the leads.

Zuzack is excited to be performing in his first campus production.

"It's a great show, very fun and energetic," he said.

Joseph was the result of the first collaboration between Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Originally presented as a 15-minute cantata in 1968, it was extended to a 40-minute show five years later. Finally, in 1976, Joseph was expanded again to the 90-minute show that has become famous.

The Chapel Drama will feature the full show. The story begins with a young Joseph, who has several dreams about the future, which anger his brothers. They take him to the wilderness to kill him, but instead decide to sell him into slavery.

Joseph ends up in Egypt, where after an incident with his employer Potiphar's wife, he winds up in jail. There, he interprets several men's dreams. Pharaoh, who dresses and sounds like Elvis, has recently had several odd dreams. He sends for Joseph to interpret them. Joseph does so correctly, and rises to power. Several years later, he is reunited with his brothers and father.

There is no charge for admission. A free will offering will be collected.

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A proud Westminster SIFE team displays its First Runner-Up trophy.
Kneeling: Dana Shockey, Eric Harvey
Standing: Christina Contes, Ann Gemellas, Megan Monaco, Kimberly Chmura (President), Natale Smith, Anne Poland, Lisa Bohaychick, Anna Thomas, Courtney Henry
Not Pictured: Michele Pasqualino (Treasurer)and Avis Devine.

(New Wilmington, PA) The Westminster SIFE team earned first runner-up honors at SIFE's Cleveland Regional Competition held at the Downtown Cleveland Marriott Hotel on Apr. 9, 2001. Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is a nonprofit organization started in 1975 by the National Leadership Institute of Texas. Annually, SIFE conducts free enterprise education competitions in dozens of cities in 10 countries. SIFE provides college students on nearly 700 U.S. campuses opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching principles of free enterprise. Westminster's SIFE team has competed annually at the Cleveland event since 1996.

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ship as she pursues a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

"I plan to research romantic relationships while I am there," said Paldino. "I may use my degree to become a psychology professor or a therapist with a focus on couple/marital therapy."

Westminster was the best choice for an undergraduate degree, according to Paldino. She said the psychology department prepared her in the use of research for both a career and to further her education in graduate school.

"Dr. Sciutto (assistant professor of psychology) helped me completely in every way I needed," Paldino said. "He made everything so much easier."

Bradley Ebel, a chemistry major, accepted a position as a manufacturing associate with the Baxter Company in Boulder, Colo. His job will involve the fermentation and purification of hemoglobin in the hemoglobin therapeutics operations department.

After about a year at Baxter, Ebel plans to pursue a master's in chemistry at the University of Colorado. "Once I graduate from Colorado, I will fight every urge to become a ski instructor in one of the local resorts," Ebel said.

Dr. Timothy Wooster, associate professor of chemistry and chair of the department, motivated him to excel as a chemist, but it was Kathy Koop, professor of art, who helped develop his creativity and aided in making him a well-rounded person, according to Ebel.

"I honestly feel Westminster gave me an edge over students from other area colleges," Ebel said. "When I would go into interviews, I could tell they were impressed."

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very soon. "Things are definitely moving toward reinstatement," O'Neil said. "As soon as national finds us worthy, we will be back on track."

IFC President Scott Renninger said the probation had nothing to do with IFC or Westminster. "My belief is that we need five strong fraternities on campus. It causes an imbalance without one of them," Renninger said.

Sigma Nu Senior Brian Rigby said they have done the same ceremony for 20 years without any repercussions. "I think the real reason we were placed on probation was because Dean Edmand was accidentally knocked into the lake during the ceremony," Rigby said. "We don't do anything worse than the rest of the fraternities do on pick-up day."

Sigma Nu expects to be taken off probation before the close of this semester. They will definitely be open for the fall semester next year.

VOLLEYROCK!

Saturday, May 5, 2001

-Team Captains meet in Down Under at 8:30 to
Register and Pick up the shirts for your entire team:
(Captains must know preferred SIZES and SLEEVE LENGTH, Long or Short, for their ENTIRE team!)
-Team Captains Meet back
at the Down Under at 9:30
to go over the rules before the games.
GAMES BEGIN AT 10:00!!!
-Marriot Picnic Lunch from 11:30-1:00; Bring Your ID!
-4:30...Dinner from the LUBE!
(VolleyRock Participants should wear their shirts.
Anyone not wearing a VolleyRock shirt will be assumed to be a non-participant and will be asked to go to the end of the line.)
-BINGO! from 8:00-10:00

SGA prepares campus for VolleyRock

The weekly Student Government Association meeting focused on three major points of discussion: VolleyRock, the voting for two new members for the Associate Board of Trustees and voting on audits and allocations.

One of the most anticipated events on campus, VolleyRock, will take place this Saturday, May 5. The schedule is as follows:

8:30 Team captains meet in Down Under to Register and Pick up team shirts (Captains must know preferred sizes and sleeve length, long or short, for their entire team!)

9:30 Team captains meet back at the Down Under to go over the rules before the games

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8:00-10:00 Bingo

The participation in VolleyRock has increased from about 40 teams in 1999 to nearly 60 teams in 2000 and 86 teams this year. The event, with the help of SGA senators, executive members, committee heads, Sodexho Marriot, the Lube and several others, is anticipated to be a huge success.

The SGA had the difficult job of choosing two members from the six highly qualified applicants for the Associate Board of Trustees positions. The entire campus was sent an e-mail concerning this opportunity and those who responded were then asked to turn in a resume to Kylene Adams. They were then interviewed by a committee of four students. The committee consisted of Kylene Adams, Jamie Freund (a former Associate Board of Trustee member), Sarah Huffman (a current senator) and Mike Piddington (the chair of the Down Under committee). Following the interview, six candidates were recommended to the senate. After a secret ballot vote, Dan DiDesiderio and Chris Nave were chosen to be this year's members along with the President of SGA, Lindsey Braem, who is automatically voted on the board as part of her job. In the future, these three students will represent the college and will be the voice of the students at the Board of Trustee meetings.

The final task was the voting on audits and allocations. The Finance Committee, which consists of the chair, Dan DiDesiderio, Chris Nave, Sarah Huffman, Jessica Young and Andrew Houston spent the last few weeks auditing all student organizations that receive money from the Grant Fund of SGA. After auditing each organization, the committee made its recommendations to the senate at Wednesday's meeting.

The senate passed 33 motions to allocate money to student organizations. The only motion that was amended was the motion to allocate $4,850 to the Equestrian Team. They were granted an extra $100 for a total of $4,950 after some representatives proved the extra allocation was necessary. Only a small number of organizations lacked a representative.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with a senator or a member of the executive board. To contact a member of the SGA Executive Board, come and visit the SGA office (located on the third floor of the Student Union Building) or call EXT. 7219. Also, don't forget about VolleyRock this Saturday.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Racial tension continues to be an issue at PSU

AP File Photo

PSU students suffer through racial tension.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Samantha Wallace walks into a local discount store and hunts around.

She finally gives up and asks a clerk. Where's the section with the African American beauty products?

"They don't have them," said Wallace, a black Penn State University senior from New Castle, Lawrence County. "She looks at you like you're crazy."

It's hardly a crime against humanity. .Maybe the complaint seems a natural fit for the back of the Life's Awfully Tough file. But Wallace wasn't talking about just discount stores or beauty products or convenience.

She was talking about the racial climate that became local topic No. 1 last week during a war of wills between Penn State administrators and students. It was about frustration-for Wallace added affirmation that being black at Pennsylvania's largest university means she doesn't get full standing.

Black students say it's the American experience, of being shunned by a majority that feels more at ease with its own, parties with its own, congregates with its own.

"For African American students at someplace in a setting such as Pitt, there are more options, more of an African American community, African American churches or ethnic restaurants, etcetera," said William Asbury, Penn State vice president of student affairs.

"Here, you go to a football game, and the crowd is overwhelmingly white. You go to a basketball game, the crowd is overwhelmingly white. The faculty is overwhelmingly white, the student body is overwhelmingly white. So, white students can get the feeling they don't have to interact with people not like themselves."

Castleigh Johnson picked Penn State for the calm of its setting, its international management major and the legions of alumni who offer a bonanza of postgraduate networking. But what he got in the deal can be upsetting-a campus where the white majority seems to look at him askance.

It's not hostility, said student Dante Johnson, it's usually passive cold-shouldering. "White people can stare at you sometimes like they're asking, 'Why are you here?' " said Johnson, a junior from Philadelphia and no relation to Castleigh Johnson.

"In many ways, Penn State isn't much different than society in general," said Kenneth Clarke, director of the university's Center for Ethics and Religious Affairs. "And society in general is racist."

Ten percent of Pennsylvania's population is black. By estimates from Penn State's budget office, 6.5 percent of the commonwealth's college-bound high school seniors are black. But Penn State's 81,270-student body is 4.3 percent black-3.9 percent, if you subtract its statewide network of campuses and consider only its heart at University Park.

Compare that to the University of Pittsburgh, where 7.8 percent of the students on the Oakland campus are black. The Oakland campus enrollment isn't quite two-thirds the population at University Park; the black population is 20 percent higher.

Penn State administrators chalk up smaller-than-average black enrollment in part to the university's location in the state's lightly populated middle.

It was against Penn State's white backdrop that university administrators and black student activists argued to a standoff last week.

On one side was Penn State's student-run Black Caucus, charging that Penn State administrators talk about nurturing diversity but have spent years sitting on their hands.

On the other side were university administrators. While admitting that cross-cultural diversity was an area that needed work, they boasted of progress-for instance, increasing black enrollment from 3.4 percent to 4.3 percent in six years-and said change took time.

It was an impasse that took on a high profile nine days ago with an anonymous death threat aimed at the Black Caucus president. It was mailed to a reporter at the student newspaper and railed that Penn State was "a white academy in a white town in a white country."

Carnegie Mellon ranked No. 2 business school

By Bill Schackner
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Using a new method that relied exclusively on opinions of corporate recruiters, a survey released yesterday placed Carnegie Mellon University's business school at No. 2, behind Dartmouth College, in a ranking of the top 50 business schools in the world.

The survey published in The Wall Street Journal was intended to identify which master's of business administration programs in the U.S. and abroad are producing the most marketable students. Its findings already are raising eyebrows, because some of the nation's biggest names in business training, like Harvard, the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and Stanford-were not among the top five.

But at Carnegie Mellon, the ranking was embraced as evidence of the school's ascent.

"I'm both pleased and proud," said Douglas M. Dunn, dean of the Graduate School of Industrial Administration, who by midafternoon had already been inundated by congratulatory e-mails from alumni.

He called it gratifying that a school with a full-time enrollment of only 437 students could compete successfully with schools from the Ivy League that are four times its size.

Rounding out the top five were the business schools at Yale University, the University of Michigan and Northwestern University.

"In rating Carnegie Mellon, recruiters gave it high marks because of past success with the quality of its graduates," The Journal wrote. Recruiters "said the Pittsburgh school's students shine because of their analytical and problem-solving skills, their ability to drive results and their teamwork strengths."

Recruiters used descriptions of the school such as an "incubator of quantitative experts" and "boot camp-good work ethic."

Still, the picture was not entirely upbeat. It said recruiters gave the students lower marks for their communication and interpersonal skills and for their international perspective.

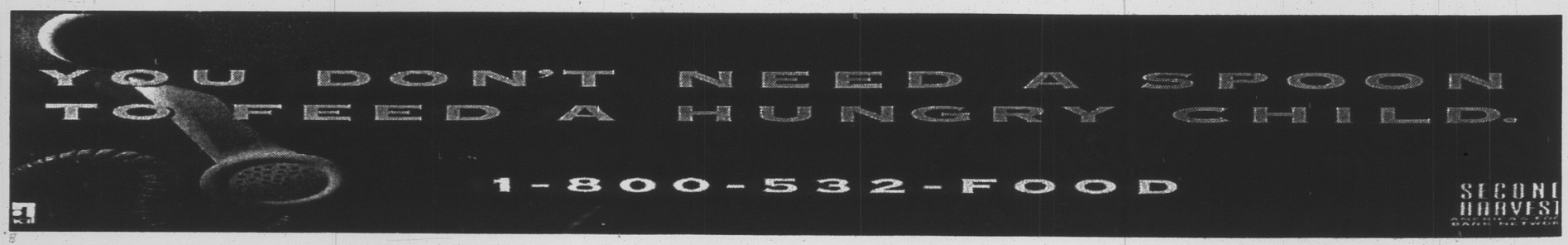
In joining an increasingly crowded field of campus rankings, editors at The Journal said they wanted to do something that would distinguish their effort from other business school surveys. So instead of analyzing a flurry of school statistics, or polling deans and students, the publication turned to people it said know the schools' graduates best.

As part of a joint undertaking with Harris Interactive Inc., a research firm, 1,600 corporate recruiters were asked to evaluate up to three schools with which they'd had firsthand dealings. Those recruiters based their ratings on 27 attributes, such as how well past graduates have fared in their corporations, the graduates' ability to achieve results and the kind of teaching that occurs on those campuses.

The growing influence that college rankings have on everything from student application rates to fund raising has made such findings increasingly controversial. It has led to complaints by some campuses that ratings are at best subjective and at worst incorrect.

But Ronald Alsop, the Wall Street Journal news editor who initiated the project, said talking to recruiters made sense.

"People mostly go to business schools to get a better job or to change careers, so we think it really matters to prospective students to know which schools the corporate recruiters consider tops from their companies' perspectives," he said.



NATIONAL

Software restricts Internet pornography for army

SAN DIEGO (AP) - The Army is installing Internet software at more than 100 military posts worldwide to prevent the viewing of pornography and other inappropriate material.

The Army said it wants to prohibit some 200,000 Army personnel from accessing porn, gambling and other sites prohibited on government computers. The purchase also comes as the Army is struggling with the problem of sexual harassment in its ranks.

Asked if the Army has a problem with soldiers viewing Internet porn, Karen Baker, a Pentagon-based Army spokeswoman, replied, "Probably no more than society at large."

"We don't maintain any data on this type of activity, but we employ human beings," she said Friday.

The Army is paying $1.8 million for Web-filtering software from San Diego-based Websense. Each base will decide what sites to block in accordance with Army policies, said Stephen Larsen, a spokesman for the Army Communications-Electronics Command Systems Management Center in New Jersey.

Websense says besides improving productivity by eliminating distractions, the software promises to "reduce the liabilities associated with Internet use."

Sexual harassment lawsuits involving allegations of porn in the workplace have forced employers to pay costly verdicts and settlements.

The Army has been hit by a series of embarrassing harassment scandals, including disclosures in 1997 that sergeants at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland preyed on female trainees.

A study ordered by Army Secretary Togo West after the Aberdeen scandal found inappropriate behavior was commonplace and that soldiers viewed such behavior as part of normal Army life.

One declared dead in U of Texas dormitory blaze

AUSTIN (AP) - One person was killed and another was critically injured Tuesday morning when a blaze erupted at a private high-rise dormitory across from The University of Texas.

One of the students was pronounced dead at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin and the other was transported by helicopter to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, said Dale Whitacker, Austin Fire Department public information officer.

At least one of the patients suffered from third-degree burns, officials said. Both of the victims were male.

The fire broke out about 6:20 a.m. at the University Towers apartments, on the west side of the UT campus along Guadalupe Street. The blaze was under control in about 30 minutes, firefighters said.

Fire investigators had not determined what started the fire, which was contained to one unit of the four-tower complex, Whitacker said.

One student was rescued from a balcony of the 10-story building. The student and another person were treated at the scene by paramedics, who performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

After the three-alarm blaze was called in at the deluxe student apartment building, firefighters evacuated an undetermined number of students from the structure.

It is unknown how many units were damaged.

Broadcast reports quoted witnesses as saying that a unit on the second floor and another above it were involved in the blaze. However, flames were not visible from the street.

The apartment building's Web site promotes the place as "Austin's most luxurious student accommodations."

Rents range from $7,600 to $17,400 per year, according to the Web site.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

U.S. team arrives in China for look at spy plane

BEIJING - A team of U.S. technicians arrived in China on Tuesday to figure out how to get a damaged Navy spy plane back to the United States. The technicians from Lockheed Martin, a Pentagon contractor, are expected to meet with Chinese officials in Hainan Island.

FBI director to step down

WASHINGTON - FBI Director Louis Freeh said Tuesday that he plans to retire in June. In a statement, Freeh thanked President Bush for his "unwavering support of me and the FBI." Appointed by President Clinton, Freeh has been director of the bureau since 1993.

Evenflo to recall 3.4M baby car seats

About 3.4 million infant car seat/carriers will be recalled Tuesday because a faulty handle can cause the seat to flip forward, federal official say. At least 97 infants have suffered skull fractures, concussions, a broken leg or other injuries in the Evenflo Joyride.

Endeavour lands in California

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - Shooed from rainy Florida, space shuttle Endeavour and its seven-man crew landed in California on Tuesday after installing a billion-dollar robot arm for the international space station.

Bush to outline defense plan

WASHINGTON - President Bush will outline his plans to aggressively deploy a missile-defense shield, nearly two decades after President Reagan unveiled the idea and eight months after President Clinton said the technology wasn't ready.

Dow Chemical to cut 4,500 jobs

DETROIT - Dow Chemical plans to cut 4,500 jobs, or 8% of its workforce, doubling its earlier job-reduction estimate as it looks to bolster savings from its purchase of Union Carbide.

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INTERNATIONAL

Government declares state of rebellion in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The government declared a state of rebellion and ordered the arrest of key opposition figures Tuesday after clashes between police and backers of ousted President Joseph Estrada killed at least four people.

"This is not just a demonstration. This is a rebellion," government spokesman Rigoberto Tiglao said.

He said the declaration by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, restricted to Manila, gives her greater power to halt rebellion but he did not say what those powers are. It also gives the military greater freedom to help police quell protests.

At least four people died Tuesday as thousands of Estrada supporters, armed with rocks and clubs, skirmished with police around the presidential palace. Fighting subsided in the afternoon after many protesters backed off, setting fire to a backhoe, four vans, a police car and a fire truck in their path.

At least 12 policemen, a newspaper photographer and 25 civilians were injured and 30 protesters were arrested, police said.

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez ordered the arrest of at least 11 key opposition figures Tuesday, including Sens. Gringo Honasan and Juan Ponce Enrile, former Estrada spokesman Ernesto Maceda and former National Police Chief Panfilo Lacson.

Enrile, one of Estrada's most prominent allies, was the first arrested but police were looking for the others, said Col. Reynaldo Berroya, the police intelligence chief.

Lacson, who is running in May 14 Senate elections, said he told his lawyers to question the arrest order.

Berroya said the arrests were ordered in connection with the protests but did not outline the accusations.

Most of those on the wanted list have large followings among the pro-Estrada protesters.

Arroyo earlier accused key opposition figures, without naming them, of plotting to overthrow her and establish a junta.

"The vandalism, robbery and injury and deaths are the work of these politicians," Arroyo, looking exhausted after a second consecutive sleepless night, said in a brief nationally televised statement.

"They should be blamed. It is clear that their theme is to bring down the legitimate government so...they would establish their own junta."

Associated Press reporters saw seven people with what appeared to be gunshot wounds from pre-dawn clashes on the 10-mile march to the presidential palace from a shrine to the 1986 "people power" revolt that toppled late dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

At least two policemen were killed and scores injured as the crowd, which had been rallying for Estrada's release from custody on corruption charges, forced its way through several police lines and stoned a policeman who already was laying injured and bloody.

One protester was fatally shot in the face; no details were available on the fourth reported death.

AP File Photo

Thousands of Estrada supporters protest in the Philippines.

—International Briefs

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Fire hits German amusement park

BERLIN - Fire broke out Tuesday on a roller coaster at an amusement park, and police say 35 are injured. The fire occurred on a mostly wooden roller coaster at Phantasialand, near Cologne. Tens of thousands of visitors were at the park. The possibility of deaths among some of the victims has not been ruled out.

Police arrest pro-democracy activists in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan - Police arrested dozens of pro-democracy activists and blocked roads leading toward a rally scheduled for Tuesday to demand an end to military rule. The Alliance for the Restoration of Democracy announced a rally on Tuesday - the international Labor Day - to demand early elections.

Italian trains collide, injuring 40

ROME, Italy - A passenger train traveling from Nice to Venice crashed into a service rail car near the French-Italy border, injuring 40 people and derailing the locomotive and two passenger cars. Four people were in serious condition Tuesday at hospitals around Bordighera, a coastal city 45 miles east of Nice, Italian news reports said.

Five killed as bus drives off road in Spain

MADRID, Spain - Five people, including one American, were killed and 22 others injured when a bus drove off a road into a ditch Tuesday, officials said. The bus, carrying 36 people, was traveling from Madrid to the southwestern port city of Algeciras when it went off the freeway, police said. The cause was not immediately known.

Macedonian president to demand U.S. support

BUCHAREST, Romania - Condemning the killing of eight government commandos, Macedonia's president said Monday he will demand full U.S. support for his fight against ethnic Albanian insurgents during talks in Washington.

Belgrade court to extend Milosevic detention

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - A Belgrade court on Monday extended Slobodan Milosevic's stay in prison, fearing he might flee if released while under investigation for alleged crimes while Yugoslav president, his lawyer said. The Belgrade District Court ordered Milosevic detained for another two months. His lawyer, Toma Fila, said he would appeal the ruling to Serbia's Supreme Court within three days. Milosevic was arrested April 1 on suspicion of corruption and abuse of power during his 13 years in power.

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HEALTH

Tanning safely reduces risk of skin damage and cancer

By Mindy Falk
STAFF WRITER

With snow on the ground and cold temperatures keeping people indoors, many students find themselves heading to the tanning beds to get a head start on their summer tans, but this tanning process is a controversial issue.

With nicknames such as "cancer coffin" and "fake bake," the idea of tanning in a salon has brought about negative reactions from students.

"The first time I went to a tanning bed, I bought a month unlimited package. I loved going because it felt good, but my skin started to get really dry and leathery," said senior Stephanie Higgins.

Judy Means, who works at Cocomo's Tanning Salon in New Wilmington, said that nothing has ever been proven about the negative health effects. The Association of Responsible Tanning Salons certifies Cocomo's.

"We follow proper safety precautions by making sure proper eye protection is worn and we strongly advise anyone who tans to always use a moisturizer to protect their skin," said Means.

The American Cancer Society advises to avoid tanning parlors and sunlamps because they can be just as harmful to your body as the sun is. Their motto is "Fry Now. Pay Later."

The American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 700,000 people develop skin cancer every year. This is the most significant effect of exposure to UVA and UVB rays which are present in the sun and in tanning beds.

According to the American Journal of Epidemiology, there is seven times the risk of developing melanoma, the deadliest type of skin cancer, with people who are 30 years old or younger and use a tanning bed more than 10 times a year.

According to Modern Medicine, tanning beds emit up to three times as much UVA as the sun does. Some of the effects of the UVA light in tanning beds are dry skin, nausea, acute corneal burns and cataract formation to the eyes, wrinkling and carcinogenesis.

After talking with 20 people who use tanning beds, the top two reasons that they continue using are that they believe they look better with a tan and they feel relaxed after tanning.

"Tanning gives me twenty minutes of total relaxation away from my kids. The tan is an added bonus," said New Wilmington resident Michelle Chambers.

Volant resident Jani McNickle is tanning because she wants a base tan to avoid getting burned when she is out at the beach all day with her grandkids.

"People say that it makes them feel good to tan. I do not advocate tanning," said the Health Center Nurse Judy Duda.

An alternative way to obtain that bronzed look is to use a self-tanner. This sunless tanning product can be purchased at almost any store that sells cosmetic products. Summer is just around the corner. When outside, remember to wear a SPF lotion to block some of the ultraviolet rays that may cause the skin to burn. Overall, health will be preserved when safety precautions are taken with tanning.

Alcohol Screening Day results average, but could be improved

By Babs Quincy, Counselor
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On April 5 we conducted our annual alcohol screenings on campus as part of the National Alcohol Screening Day Program. The screenings were done with the generous help of several athletes who were recruited by Athletic Trainer, Shaun Toomey, co-sponsor of the program. The screenings were held from 10-4 in the TUB, culminating in a one-on-one confidential interpretation by a volunteer screener. We had more than twice as many participants this year than last, but overall the scores fell into very similar categories as last year:

52%: No alcohol problem
40%: Harmful and/or hazardous alcohol use; could indicate the beginning of alco hol problems
8%: Active alcohol dependence

Of the 234 participants, 192 were athletes, mandated or strongly urged to participate by their respective coaches. This certainly reflects the commitment of the Athletic Department to the physical and emotional health and well-being of their students. The purpose of this program is to promote self-awareness and to motivate those with alcohol problems to come forward to be screened and guided toward treatment and/or other types of interventions. The NASD Program uses cut-offs that have been evaluated in primary care clinical practices, alcohol rehabilitation centers and in the college population. Some scores, however, may reflect a "false positive" or "false negative" scores.

Several students told me that they thought the criteria for having an alcohol problem were "way too high". In other words, the scores indicated there was an alcohol problem, but the student didn't think there was a problem. One student said to me, "Come on! We're in COLLEGE!" This statement reflects so perfectly the cultural expectation so many have that going to college is synonymous with drinking. How many of your parents "brag" about their drinking days in college and all the crazy stuff they did? It's practically a rite of passage. We laugh about all these stories and just accept it as the norm, which actually, it is. Drinking in college has always been part of our culture. If not heavy drinking, then certainly experimenting with alcohol, drinking games, testing one's limits, taking advantage of new "freedom," etc. This is just what is. Always was. Always will be. We all know this. Then why all the hub-bub? We know drinking is not going to go away, especially at colleges, not even at our dear, fair Westminster!

Recently, Judy Duda, Director of the Health Center, organized the last meeting of the Binge Drinking Task Force for this academic year. Aside from the Administrators one would expect to be in attendance, there were several representatives of the sororities and fraternities. At the meeting Neal Edman told us what the BDTF has done in the past, John Lechner talked about some of the nasty alcohol related incidents on campus this year, and then I talked about the NASD results. Finally we asked for input from the students present about how to address the drinking issues on campus. They gave us some great suggestions.

It's an old issue, but still given top priority in colleges and universities across the country because students continue to die.

As we all continue to struggle with this, we hope and pray for the safety of our students here at Westminster.

Improper contact wear can cause blindness

Jessica Borchart
STAFF WRITER

How long is too long to leave your contacts in? If you are wearing your disposable contacts for more than a week, you might be causing unseen damage to your eyes. According to Dr. Dubos, at All About Vision, you are blocking oxygen to the cornea, which in turn can lead to blood vessels growing over the front of your eyes, infections, lid changes, allergies, corneal warping, corneal swelling and possible blindness. If your contacts can cause this much damage in just one week, image the damage done to eyes whom owners where their contacts for months at a time.

In 1981, the FDA approved extended contact wear for up to 30 days. But research discovered that extended use led to server eye infections. The FDA decided to shorten the extended wear to seven days. Seven days was still a long time for some people to leave their contacts and some leading practitioners shortened the wear to just three days.

In order to save time, contact users have discovered that they can leave their contacts in for several days without any noticeable problems. Several of these users live here on campus.

Junior Heidi Nelson will wear her contacts for extended periods of time.

"I leave them in for about a month," she said. "It's easier and it saves time."

Some users do however suffer from extended contact wear. Sophomore Caryn Nicholson, after wearing her soft contacts to bed, woke up one morning to discover she was unable to open her eyes. The contacts had glued her eyes shut. She was able to open them after placing a warm washcloth on her eyes.

According to allaboutvision.com, several companies are working on developing an extended wear contact for a 30-day wear rather than the usual week. These contacts are already available in other countries and the FDA is looking into this option for the U.S. But for now, listen to what your doctor says and remove your contacts when instructed.

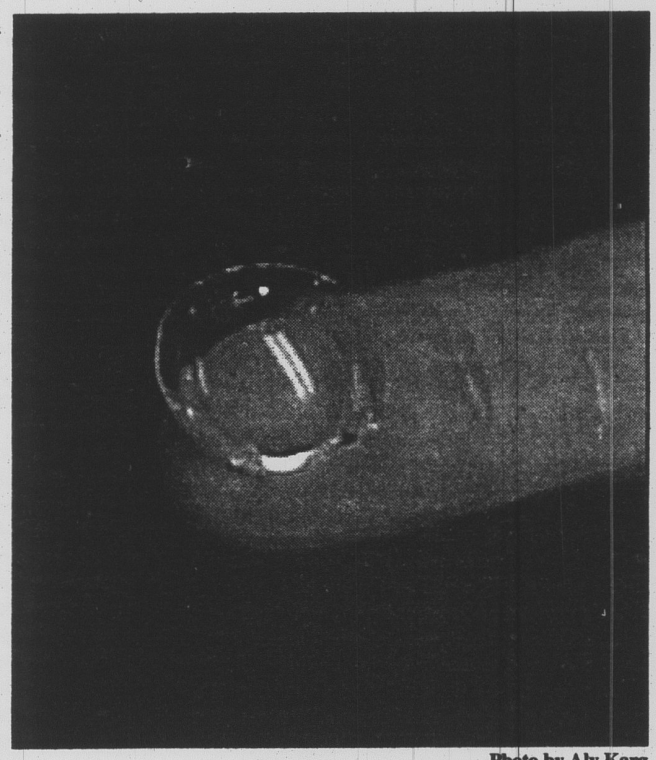

Photo by Aly Karg
Contacts should not be left in for more than one week at a time.

Herbs useful for remedies and relaxation

By David Field
STAFF WRITER

Herbal remedies have been traced to the beginning of mankind.

Herbs such as aloe, poppy and garlic were used for remedies in the ancient Egyptian era of 1500 BC. The Chinese have been using herbs for over 5,000 years, such as ginseng, which has been traced back to 2700 BC.

Dr. Lani Fleming, herbalist, energy worker and physical trainer of San Diego, CA believes that herbal remedies even today are considered important to a person's daily diet.

"Herbs are considered a food rather than a medicine because they are whole, natural and pure," Fleming said "They are unlike chemically synthesized, highly concentrated drugs that produce countless side effects; herbs can realign the body's defenses, helping it heal itself without any side effects."

However, Fleming went on to explain how herbs are not considered medicine, saying that

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SPORTS

Titan diamondmen improve record to 17-8-1

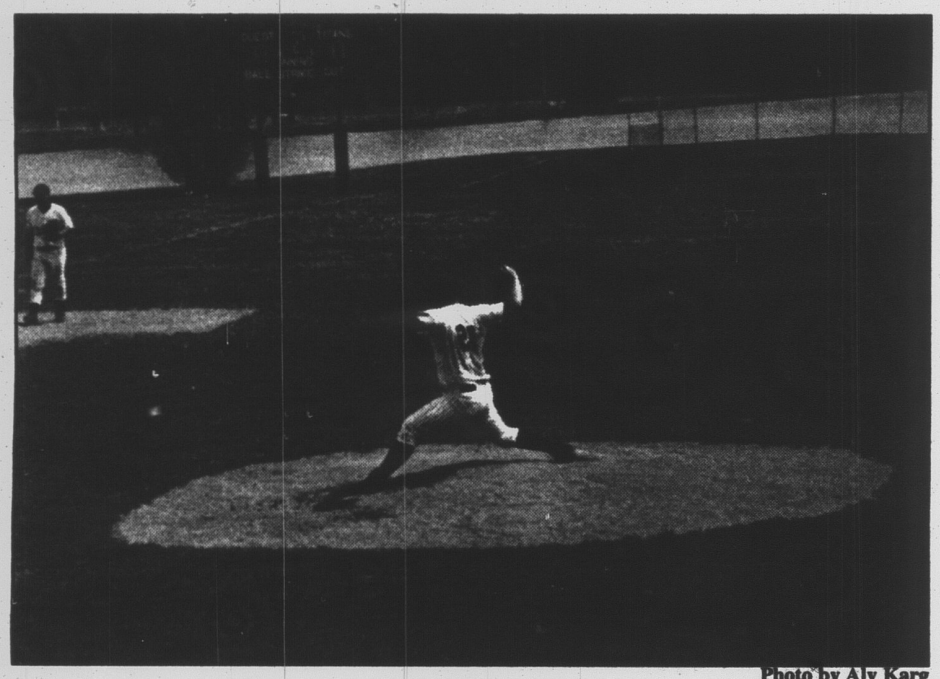

Photo by Aly Karg

Freshman Ben Yeckel tries to strike out a batter.

By John Hanlon
STAFF WRITER

The Titan baseball team improved their record to 17-8-1 and an unblemished conference record of 11-0 by going 6-0 this week. Titan diamondmen outscored their competition 53-25 in this six game stretch.

The Titans began their week in Buffalo, NY where they swept Medaille 4-3 and 12-7. Freshman Pat Boyle picked up the first victory in relief of sophomore starter Matt Pournaras, who allowed three runs, none earned, on five hits in six 2/3 innings of work. B.G. Davison led the way going 2-for-4, with two runs scored and two stolen bases.

Pournaras, who pitched a gem, felt good after the game. "I felt great today and really in control. That nap on the three hour drive up really revived me," Pournaras said.

The second game saw the Titans break out the mashing sticks in the final inning.

Knotted at seven, Westminster scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning, including two homeruns from senior Tim Voelp and freshman Nathan Statzer. Senior outfielder Henry Klinar hit for the cycle going 4-for-5 with two RBI and sophomore third baseman Kevin Humberston went 3-for-4. Freshman hurler Ben Yeckel won the game in relief by pitching three scoreless innings with six strikeouts.

When asked about the Titans' pitching dominance, Yeckel said, "The pitching has stepped up a level with ace Kevin Culp getting hurt, and I have done well because of all the work we do as a staff. That combined with Coach (Carmen) Nocera's tutelage has made the staff dominate."

The Titans bashed out 16 hits in an 18-7 victory against PAC rival Washington & Jefferson in the first game of a doubleheader. Yeckel, who improved his record to 3-1 with the win, pitched four plus innings with eight strikeouts. Klinar was 2-for-3 with a home-run, three runs scored, and five RBIs. Sophomore catcher Scott Nastase went 3-for-3 with three doubles and two RBIs. Humberston and sophomore outfielder Rob Thompson were each 2-for-2. Thompson had drove in three runs, while Humberston scored three times.

The Titans won game two of the double dip, 9-3. Davison, pitching two 2/3 innings while only giving up one run, improved his record to 1-0 with the victory in relief of starter Voelp, who pitched the first three 1/3 innings. Freshman outfielder Tony Deane was 4-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. Humberston crushed a two-run homer into Lake Brittain. Statzer doubled and stole three bases. As a team, the Titans stole 12 bases in the game.

The Titans finished their conference play, going undefeated, by sweeping Waynesburg, 7-5 and 2-0. Game one saw Davison collecting the game-winning hit in the bottom of the sixth inning. With the score locked at 5-5, Davison singled to center scoring Statzer.

Davison was humble after the game. "In the bottom of the sixth, with two runners on, I figured I'd make an out just like every other time I was at the plate the last two games, but I ended up squeaking one through the hole up the middle. We won thanks to our great pitching and defense," Davison said.

Boyle picked up the victory, improving his record to 4-2, in relieve of Pournaras, who pitched five innings allowing only two earned runs. Boyle tossed the final two innings recording three strikeouts. Statzer was 3-3 with a double, triple and three runs scored. Boyle, who leads the team in wins (four), saves (two), and strikeouts (37) gives some of the credit to his pre-game regiment.

"All the pre-game flip sessions get me mentally prepared to play my hardest and do my best," Boyle said.

Freshman pitcher Matt Robison, who improved his record to 3-1 with his second complete game shutout of the year, dominated game two. Robison only allowed three hits, while striking out eight. Humberston went 2-for-3, while Statzer and Deane drove in both of the Titans' runs.

Humberston, who hit close to .700 during the winning streak, feels at ease at the plate, even though he has been beaned 16 times throughout the season.

"I have been very happy with my play this year. It has been a great improvement from last year. I feel like I'm actually helping the team this year by getting on base any way I can. Coach Nocera helped my batting, and everyone knows I'm gunning for that NCAA record for times hit by a pitch in a career," Humberston said.

With the season winding down and the Titans having a chance to double last years win total, (10) several players are optimistic about the future.

"Our seniors have led us well all year long, and our underclassmen have developed into smarter, better players. I think next year we will be feared contenders. I like the idea of being the big dogs. Teams are going to come at us with everything they have. Titan baseball fans are going to have some great games to look forward to next spring," Thompson said.

"Even though we graduate three very important leaders from the 2001 season, I feel that our success will definitely continue. We have a bunch of young athletic guys that are willing to do anything to help the team win," Humberston said."

Reflecting on his four years playing at Memorial field, Klinar said, "I've been through feast and famine in my four years of Titan baseball, and this year's squad is the best I have been associated with. We are solid."

Sports This Week

Baseball
5/5/01-- 1 p.m. POINT PARK

Men's Indoor Track and Field
5/5/-1 -- at Grove City Invitational
5/12/01 -- at PAC Championships

Men's Outdoor Track and Field
5/5/01 -- at Grove City Invitational

Varsity letters awarded to winter sports teams

Women's Swimming

Westminster College head women's swimming coach Rob Klamut has awarded varsity letters to 19 members of the 2000-01 Lady Titan swimming team. Westminster posted a perfect 10-0 dual meet record in 2000-01, and placed 21st at the NCAA Division II National Championships.

Following is a complete list of letterwinners:

Freshmen Feliz DeNu, Tawnya Brown, Katie Alukonis, Brittany Jardine and Megan Lytle. Sophomores Stephanie King, Amanda Olinger, Amanda Zelechoski and Erin Battin. Juniors Jaime Sell, Karen Faulhaber, Sarah Anzelmo and Stephanie Dawson. Seniors Tara Crawford, Kelly Vernal, Wendy Hamilton, Tina Proudfoot, Chrissy Jardine and Sheri Snyder.

Men's Swimming

Westminster College head men's swimming coach Rob Klamut has awarded varsity letters to 13 members of the 2000-01 Titan swimming team. Westminster posted an 8-2 dual meet record in 2000-01and placed 21st at the NCAA Division II National Championships.

Following is a complete list of letterwinners:

Freshman Matt Buzard. Sophomores Seth Bontrager, Richard King, Craig Guthoerl and Jim Mann. Juniors Aaron Francis, Ian Blackley, Kurt Rotthoff, Brian Lytle, Jason Gabany, Chris Giles, Eric Mojock and Lucas Shipe.

Women's Basketball

Westminster College head women's basketball coach Jan Reddinger has awarded varsity letters to 11 members of the 2000-01 Lady Titan basketball team. Westminster posted a 16-9 overall record this season, including a perfect 10-0 mark against teams in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC).

Following is a complete list of letterwinners:

Freshman Alicia Anderson. Sophomores Teale Ganster, Ashley Kenney, Samor Himes, Jaime Lynn, Sarah Fast, Jennifer Petures and Kristen Karatinos. Juniors Robin Thayer and Omadee Curry. Senior Julie Nansen.

Men's Basketball

Westminster College head men's basketball coach Jim Dafler has awarded varsity letters to 12 members of the 2000-01 Titan basketball team. Westminster posted a 19-6 overall record this season, including a 9-1 mark against teams in the PAC.

Following is a complete list of letterwinners:

Freshmen Mike Hill and Andy Podbielski. Sophomores Joe Wilson, Andy Colosimo, Rick Giordano and Jeff Simmons. Junior Ryan Oman. Seniors J.P. Maszczak, Chad Phillips, Jim Klipa, Andy Wormsley and Henry Klinar.

Apathy takes time off for Greek Week

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Greek Week and all of its festivities came to a close last weekend. I have to admit, I was impressed. Even I, the most independent of the independents, went to Miss Titan and Sing-and-Swing. In passing, I saw a little bit of a soccer game, canoeing and go-cart races. What impressed me the most was the amount of support that each fraternity and sorority had for each other during wins and losses. They were there to cheer each other on, to keep spirit up, to taunt the other team and even to console each other if their team lost.

It was a lot of hard work for the Greeks. They had practice for two hours every night for Sing-and-Swing. They had to fit in their studies between rigorous practices and competitions. I wonder if the Greeks can imagine doing this for an entire three months. Or even six grueling months. That is what the varsity athletes at this school do, yet they receive little or no support, unlike Greek Week.

During Greek Week, the softball team played their final home game to a crowd of parents, a few of the faculty and a handful of students. Other than the players on the team, no one cheered or chanted, like what was being heard down at the lake for Greek activities. Four seniors played their last game on their home field after four years of practices and competitions, yet they were passed by for activities that last one week. There are even a couple of girls on the team that are members of a sorority, yet there were few, if any, sisters there to support them.

The senior night softball game is just one example. At the baseball game last Sunday, where were the painted faces and the loud mouths from the week before? Probably too tired from Greek Week to come and watch their friends, classmates and fraternity brothers play on a beautiful spring day.

I know there is a lot of preparation put into Greek Week and its activities. It is a great idea for the fraternities and sororities to come together in a fun atmosphere for a week of bonding and competition. But wouldn't it be even better to involve the whole campus by supporting the athletic events that are taking place instead of limiting spirit to Greek Week? I am not suggesting that everyone become a super-fan and drop everything every time there is a ball game of some sort. It was just a shame to see that level of enthusiasm from Greeks at competitions during Greek Week and see the apathy from all students at varsity sporting events.

All of the fraternities and sororities have at least a few varsity athletes among them. I'm sure these people would love to see their sisters and brothers at a game, meet or match, cheering them on as loudly as they did during the Greek Week activities. And even if there is not an athlete on a specific team, familiar faces in a crowd are important to athletic event participants. There are a few fraternities and sororities that show up at a game or two during seasons, but this is usually due to a pick-up day. Showing support for your fellow students makes the practices and training seem worth the pain and sweat. Unlike Greek activities, college athletic events are free to students, making sure that students have no excuse not to attend every once in a while. This tired subject will only improve with a little support from students that does not involve Greek activities.

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"they won't heal, just aid. Herbs will just put your body in tune with where you came from, nature."

Junior Rodolfo Sant'Anna, international business major, explains his perspective on herbs.

"After I moved to northern California, I found the use of herbs for health and therapeutic purposes all around. It was then that I started using herbal supplements on a daily basis," he said. "I was amazed at the benefits I gained for physical and mental preparedness."

Now that the semester is nearing an end, all the major papers are due, books must be read, and the final tests are to be taken, it is a time of stress, anxiety and a loss of sleep for many. There are herbal supplements that could help at such a time. Ginseng, lavender, and valerian seem to have the most positive effects. If taken correctly, these supplements may help. It is recommended that you contact a physician before taking any herbs.

The most common herb, ginseng, boosts the immune system, improves memory and aids in dealing with physical and emotional stress. It is recommended to take one capsule up to three times a day. Do not take near bedtime. Senior political science major John Bressler explains his uses of herbal remedies.

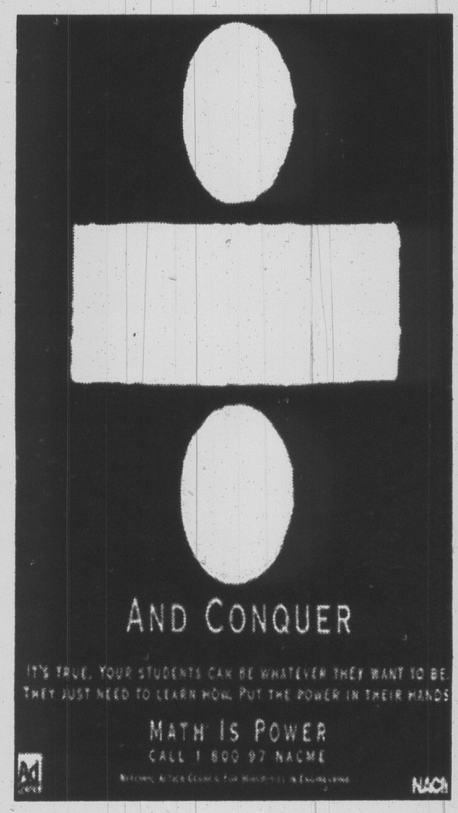
"I take ginseng extract all the time, especially during school," Bressler said. "It provides me with a clear mind and the energy and stress-free environment that I need as a student." Lavender tends to calm and relax the psyche. It relieves tension headaches, nurtures the nervous system, and aids in sleep. Do not take internally. Lavender is an herbal oil intended to be rubbed on your skin.

"You can buy lavender scented pillows," Fleming said. "I sleep with one every night and it works wonders."

You could also take valerian, which is used for relieving stress, soothing tension, and to relieve insomnia. It is also used for ease of PMS and cramps.

"Herbal remedies have been proven to help aid in a healthy life," Fleming said. "You just need to include them into your diet and they will be of utmost benefit to you in the long run."

You can purchase your herbs at any natural food or vitamin store and be sure to check out this recommended website at www.herbalpharmacy.com.



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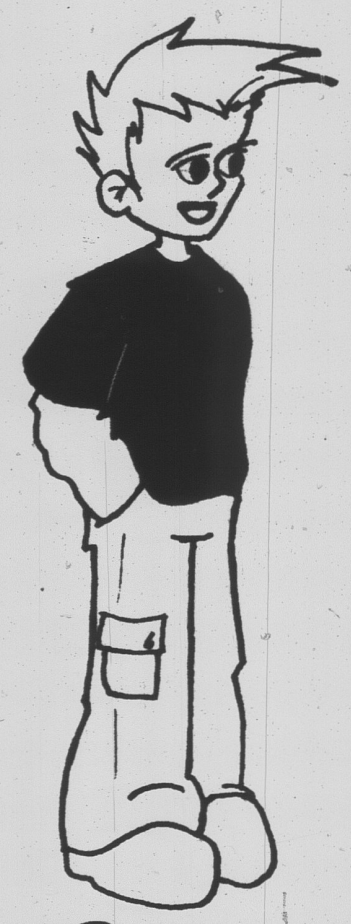

ZEKE

Zeke is a fresh... sorry, 1st Year Student, English Major, Art Minor Writing Minor, Music Minor, Comunications Minor, History Minor, Inquiry Minor...

Hoyt has a better chance of crumbling to the ground than he has of graduating in 4 years.

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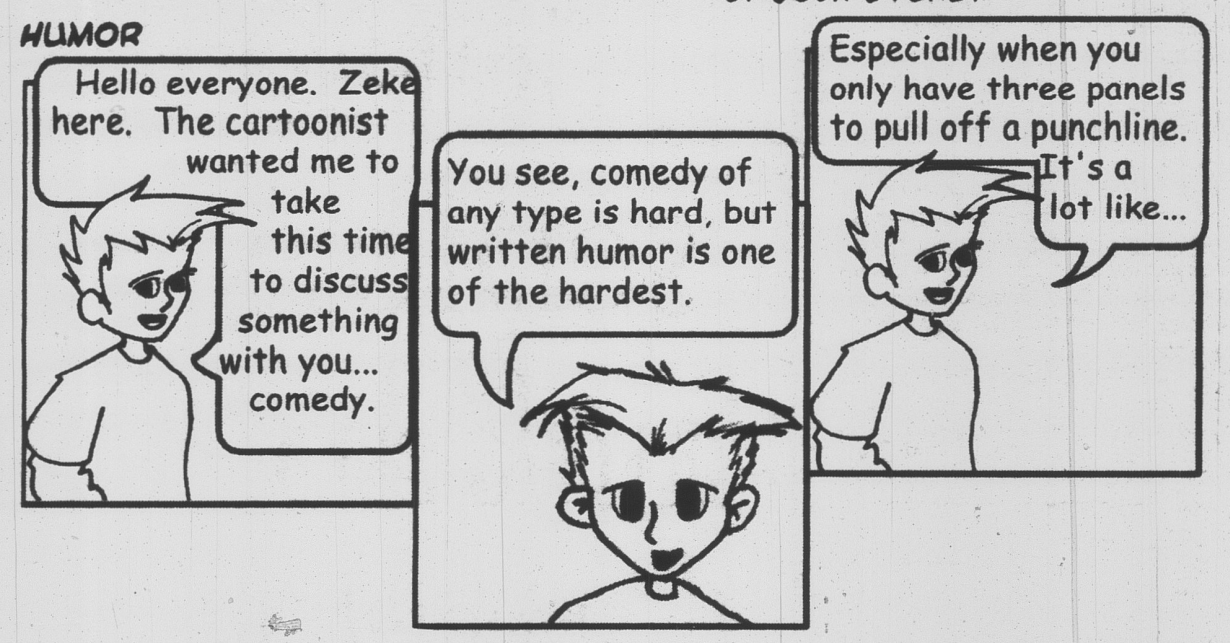

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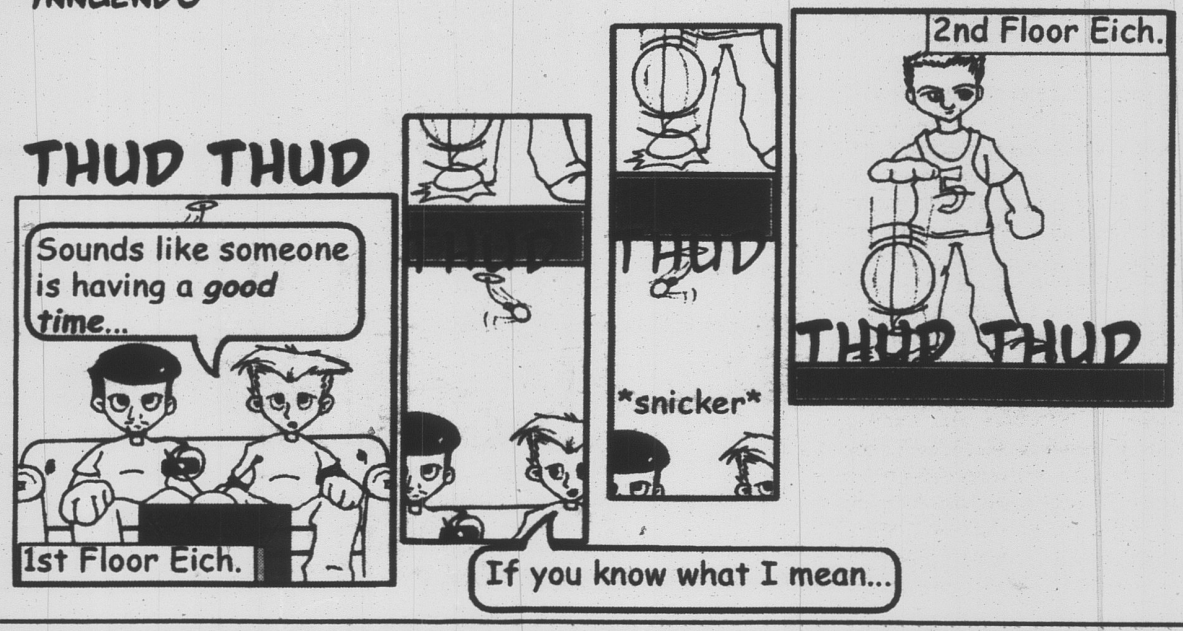

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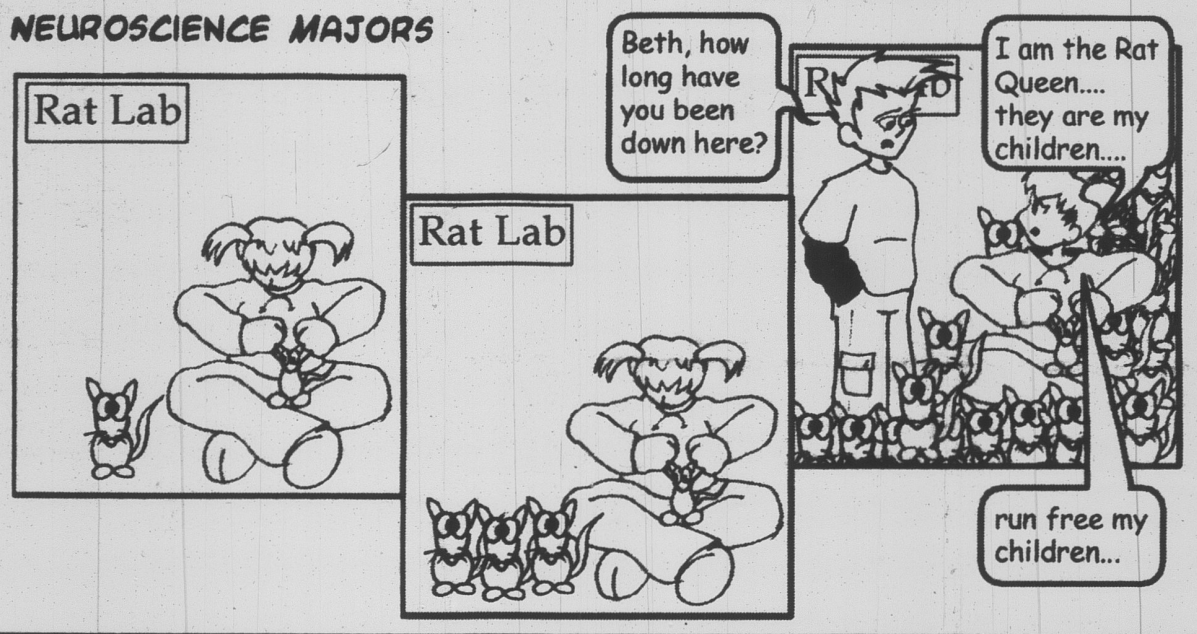

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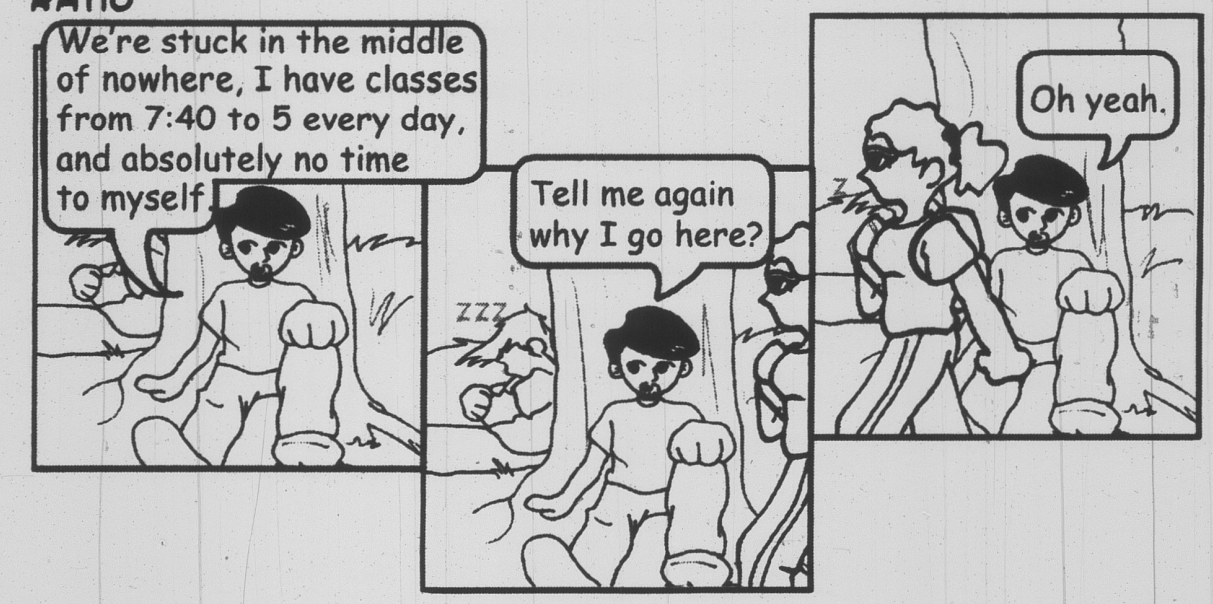

AMISH PARADISE

BY JOSH STOREY

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A freshman Computer Science Major, Jeb is Zeke's roommate. Despite the fact that their personalities are polar opposites they've managed to not kill each other... yet...

Jeb enjoys computers, caffeine, and golf...he really likes golf... a lot... I'm serious, no really, he does...

FEATURE

The next Britney Spears turns down *Playboy*, but does *Stuff*

Exclusive interview with Westminster's and *Survivor II*'s Amber Brkich

Photo By Sara Bozich

Amber didn't win, but she's still all smiles.

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

On a beautiful spring day, Amber and I grabbed a complimentary lunch at Isaly's in town (it's good to hang out with semi-celebrities) and headed back to my place for an exclusive interview. Amber's appearance on this season's *Survivor II* in the Australian Outback has scored her and the college extensive publicity. Unfortunately, Amber was booted from the island over Easter break, and has no longer appeared on our television sets on Thursday nights. Amber gained extensive airtime prior to the show's airing, but as the show actually debuted, we saw less and less of her. As more contestants were kicked off, Amber remained strong and appeared more on screen. We suffered with her as she ate an insect, blindly lost an immunity challenge, and eventually, and sadly, was kicked off. Our meeting gave me a chance to dig into some of the details of Outback life, the opportunities she is looking to pursue next, who she hated on the island and what the deal is with *Playboy*.

By time of print, America will know this year's *Survivor II* winner. Unfortunately, the one thing we do know now is it's not you. Did you enter the show expecting to win $1 million? Or was it more for the experience?

I went into it just for the experience. The million dollars was just an added bonus for me. I never expected to win it-I expected to get to the jury though. I expected to get a good adventure.

Tell us how you ended up on the show.

Well...I was just graduated from college doing the same summer job I do every year, working at Bayer doing secretary stuff, and looking for a permanent job, getting frustrated, hating it. So, I heard about the Survivor tryouts and I thought, "Today for fun, during my lunch break, I'll check it out." Where was that? Media Play-Robinson Towne Center...and their line was really short and I expected it to be really long and so I was like, "wow-maybe I really will try out," because I really didn't think I would have time. So, I filled out a form and did a little video and two weeks later, they called me for the second interview.

Do you know what it is that got you picked?

It definitely wasn't my video because it wasn't all creative like everyone else's was. I tried to make my application as funny as possible, just stupid and silly. I wasn't serious at all. And the girl, Stephanie, that was at the second interview said, "Your application is awesome." She said that was why I made it. And I just had fun.

What kind of questions did they ask you?

They just asked weird questions like, "what is the weirdest dinner conversation you've ever had?" I don't even know what I said to that. "What are your hobbies?" "Who is your hero?"

Who was your hero?

I said my parents...and [they also asked] "who would you take with you if you could?" I said Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter...I don't know...What would you do for a million dollars? What wouldn't you do for a million dollars?"

Speaking of which, that bug you ate, would you do that again?

No. That was a challenge we knew about, because they did it last year. My dad, before we left, gave me this huge speech about, you know, "you're gonna have to eat a bug so the entire time just keep thinking: a million dollars, a million dollars, a millions dollars." And I'm like, "alright." And Nicole, my sister, is in the background yelling, "I wouldn't eat it, I wouldn't eat it!" I got there, and we read the tree mail and I got tears in my eyes because I knew it was the only challenge-the only challenge I was going to have trouble with. Every other challenge I didn't care about. The cliff, I wish it was a hundred feet higher because I would have done it no matter what. But eating the bug was awful. I was kind of glad because, well other people said eating the worm would have been worse just because it was slimy and mine was crunchy. But they got to swallow theirs whole, while I actually had to chew mine, which kinda sucked. But I think I'd rather have what I had besides what Mitchell had, which was alive and moving around. Jeff, actually, when he ate his it bit him in his mouth as he was eating it. So, it was awful, I'll never do it again.

Amber, you completely avoided answering "no" to whether you would pose for *Playboy* or not. Are you seriously considering it and how much money will it take?

Actually, about two or three days ago, I turned down the offer. So...

This is disappointing to thousands and thousands of young men.

Well, I didn't say no right away because first of all, it's good to keep your audience guessing, to keep them interested. Second of all, I didn't want to close any opportunities this early on, why not at least consider it? And it's a huge check-why not consider it? But, the reason why I turned it down is because I think this early on, if I'm going to try to start an entertainment career, I don't think it's a good move for me this early on. Maybe five years down the road, if they offer again, I may consider it. And also, I turned it down before meeting with them and even finding out how much they'd offer me because if I knew how much money, I knew I'd want to do it. So, I don't even want to know how much money they're offering me.

You missed out on being on Letterman, Craig Kilborn and Rosie. Any chance they'll have you on at a later date?

We're trying to get me on Rosie.

So you can get your prize? [Other *Survivor II* guests received gifts from Rosie]

Yeah...and because I made her something. My brother-in-law and I made her...well he made it for me first, and we thought we could make one for her. It's like a treasure chest, and he cut everything out by hand in wood. It's the Survivor symbol, but instead of "Survivor," we put "Rosie," and "Out-love," "Out-give." We made this huge thing for her and now I can't give it to her, so we're definitely trying to get on the show. David Letterman I was upset about, but he's not very nice to any of the survivors anyway, so...it wasn't really that important.

I bet Craig Kilborn would like you though.

Craig Kilborn would've been fun though because he was really nice to everyone.

Before the show ever began, I heard a rumor that you were being considered for the new Britney Spears movie...any truth to that?

[Laughs]. I heard that too.

Maybe that leaked from people saying you sang like Britney Spears.

Me?

Because Kel said that about you, and I think someone else did too.

Right-right. And see that's the thing, I can't remember when I heard that.

And it's shooting now in the Mojave Desert, so I figured you weren't in it, since you were here.

In the Mojave Desert? Damn. Why didn't they consider me more seriously?

You did a good job of not taking sides or trash-talking about other members of the tribes. Now that it's over, who didn't you like?

Um, Kel. I mean, I tried to like him, but he never...even since after the show I've been trying to keep in touch with everybody, including Kel, because I feel like the game's behind us, so why can't we just be friends about it? And he's never tried to get in touch with me. He's so bitter about the whole thing. I guess you could say Kel was the one I never got along with.

On a different subject, what is the one thing you miss most about college?

Just college life in general. Being surrounded by a hundred friends every day, no matter what. Living in a house with your best friends. Freedom. I just miss being a college student. I don't miss classes, that's for sure.

Who was your favorite professor?

It's a tie. I'd say Cary Horvath because she was really hard, but she motivated me to do really good in all her classes. So, her classes were so hard, but I worked really hard in her classes. And Dr. Swerdlow. I learned so much in his class. I actually learned. I forgot it all the next semester [laughs], but that semester I was such a good writer.

What was your favorite class?

Can I say Galapagos? Yeah. I didn't really like the bio part, but going down there.

What was the last dream you had?

I dream a lot about *Survivor*. A lot. Actually, it's kind of annoying because I don't sleep very well, and I know Jerri hasn't been sleeping very well either, and we think it's because of the whole *Survivor* thing. And I dream a lot about *Survivor*. So, I don't remember specifically-it was probably just about the revealing of what's going to go on for the last show.

Do you have a personal quote or a quote that you live by? Please enlighten us.

I live by, "Everything happens for a reason." And even if you don't find out the reason for the next ten years, it doesn't matter, at least ten years later, you found out.

Do you feel that your astrological sign has an effect on your life?

I'm a Leo. Yeah I do. Because they say that Leo, the Lion, is a leader, a stronger individual. And when we were trying out for the show they were looking for leaders-we had to take psychological tests just to make sure we were. I definitely think my sign helped me out.

What is your most memorable memory from your years at WC?

Living in our house last year. I just loved that. It was so awesome just to live in your own house and take on responsibilities.

Earlier, with me, you mentioned

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***Survivor* Week. Can you tell us about that? What that will entail?**

We'll be taping Hollywood Squares while we're out there [Los Angeles], so the week of May 14 through the 19th will be *Survivor* week on Hollywood Squares, and May 10th is a "what are the survivors doing now?" show, just like "what are their lives like after *Survivor*?" And, individually, I am doing a layout for *Stuff* magazine. I don't know when that'll be coming out but...

Really? So you didn't do *Playboy*, but you're doing *Stuff*?

Yeah, I said in one of my articles that I turned down *Playboy* but I'd like to do a more respectable magazine-close to *Playboy*, like *Maxim* or *Stuff*. *Stuff* ended up calling me and seeing if I wanted to do something and I was like, "Yeah!" I can't wait to see what cool clothes I'll wear because they always have the coolest clothes.

Underwear...you'll be wearing underwear. [Laughing.] Underwear, yeah. So I don't know when that's going to be coming out, but I'm doing my layout next week when I'm out in L.A. And then I'm meeting with two agents while I'm out there.

Signing with an agent, what's that going to do for you? Are you going to try to act, or...what are you looking to do? Are you going to put a record out?

[Laughs.] Yeah, the next Britney Spears. I actually think it would be cool to be a spokesperson for some kind of company. You know, maybe do commercials or something like that. I think that would be awesome because then I would actually be tying in PR. If someone wants me to try out acting, I will, but I don't know how good I'm going to be at it. But I think it'd be fun, might as well give it a try. What I'd like to do is try different angles, five different things: acting, commercials, whatever else is out there, and find out which I like the best and go with that. But I don't want to narrow it down just yet, because who knows, maybe I'll end up loving trying to act.

So what are you doing right now? You've been just doing interviews since you've been kicked off? You're not looking for a job until you see those two agents...

No, because I think if I look for a job it'll narrow down my ability to do appearances and things like that. And I think if I get a job, I'll be stuck here, and I honestly will hope to move to New York or L.A. or something.

Now, what about you and Derek [Amber's boyfriend]? Are you two going to try to have a long-distance relationship?

Actually, he told me that he thinks me doing *Survivor* and being away for two months was the best thing that ever happened to our relationship. It made him, he thinks, appreciate me more, which is a good thing and a bad thing. But he thinks it really helped our relationship, that he was able to be away from me for two months, do the whole college-thing, but also realize that he still wanted me around. He thinks it's the best thing that ever happened to us. For long-distance, it's completely up to him. I'm not forcing him to do anything. If he chooses that he wants to try to come out with me, that's fine. If he chooses he wants to find a job out here, that's fine. I don't want to limit his life just because I've had this opportunity, but then again, I'm not going to limit myself just because of him. I mean, I love him and everything...but this is a once-in-a-lifetime thing. He's cool with it.

Have you had any really strange fan experiences?

I've gotten weird letters from guys sending pictures of themselves and I think they really expect me to...I don't know. Some people ask for pictures of me or tell me that they've completely changed their life because of me. And I'm just like, "You guys are weird." And there's weird phone calls from weird people. And my parents just keep telling them I'm not home. I don't want to talk to these weird people, because they're so weird. Actually there was this one time that this kid called so many times, that I just thought, fine, I'll talk to him once, if I talk to him once, he'll be happy, and won't call again. But now he calls every week because he thinks, "Oh I talked to her once, I can keep calling her."

Do you have any message to pass on to Westminster?...a statement to make?

My statement is: I graduated and I was so depressed, didn't want to graduate from college, didn't want to get to the everyday, normal life, job-sitting at a computer every day. And that's what I was doing, and it sucked. And then I thought, "Why not take a chance and tryout for the show?" And I did, and my life is completely changed because of it. So I feel like if you are graduating from college and you're upset about it and you don't want to get the normal, everyday job-if that's what you're dreading-then don't. Do something different. You are only a graduate from college, you're still super-young. And if you do it, it will happen, and look at me. All I did was try out for a stupid show, and I made it. It's completely changed my life. It's completely changed so many different opportunities in my life. I could still be working at Bayer right now. So I just feel like, don't give up after college just because you're sad you're not in college anymore. It doesn't mean you can't go out and do something cool and have fun.

Students make summer plans to relax or further future careers

By Pamela Stennis
STAFF WRITER

Vacations, internships and working are at the top of the list for summer plans among Westminster students. With finals right around the corner, everyone is anxiously awaiting summer break. For some students, getaway vacations will be the highlight of their summer break.

"I'm going to Connecticut to visit my friend and I can't wait because I haven't seen her in over a year," sophomore Suzanne Leyten said.

Sophomores Sarah Plimpton and Heather Burns are also anticipating summer getaways.

"I am going to Alabama for a family wedding, so that will be the extent of my summer vacation," Plimpton said.

Burns will be leaving the country for her summer vacation.

"Canada is my summer getaway destination, I am going to visit family up there," Burns said.

While these students are enjoying their vacations, others will be working hard.

"I'll be working at the YMCA summer day camp, and I love it because I enjoy working with the little kids," said sophomore Emily Hatala.

Sophomore Darcy Sutton will also have her hands full with two jobs.

"Between working at Bath & Body Works and baby-sitting three little girls, my summer will be quite busy," Sutton said.

Junior Emily Deah is another student who will be working this summer.

"I'll be working at the Olive Garden this summer, which is great because I enjoy being a server and I make great tips," Deah said.

Other students will be gaining experience as interns this summer.

"I'll be working at the Senator John Heinz History Center as an intern, and it will help me a lot with my major," sophomore history major Crystal Brian said.

Sophomore Lianna Tallman will also be an intern this summer.

"The First Church of New Castle is where I'll be doing my internship as the director of youth ministries," Tallman said.

With so many plans for this summer, Westminster students are sure to keep busy.

Survivor II continues without Amber; Elisabeth is booted

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

And then there were three...Colby, Tina or Keith will win the million-dollar grand prize in the two-hour finale episode of *Survivor* in the Australian Outback.

Last week, Elisabeth got the boot. She spent her last day in the Outback pulling out chunks of hair that were falling out due to malnutrition.

The Survivors were given a scale and a mirror to determine how much weight they had lost in the 39 days spent thus far in Australia. Tina lost 16 lbs, Keith 27, and Colby and Elisabeth 25 lbs. The Survivors commented that together, "They had lost a third grader in weight."

Colby won the rewards challenge - again. He won a brand new car, a night's stay on a mattress, a hot shower and food. In a heartfelt surprise, Colby's mother served him his meal. Later, upon returning to camp, Colby's mom gave everyone a care package. She also brought the Survivors news from the outside world, telling them the Yankees were the winners of the World Series.

Immunity last week was called "Survivor Memory." Whoever made the most matches of Australia-oriented pairs, including "'Roo Doo," bones and wooden turtles, won immunity. For the fourth week in a row, it went to Colby.

It will be all over soon as the Survivors spend their last three days in the Outback. Alliances will become crucial. Will Keith and Tina team up and knock off Colby? Or will Colby and Keith form a male alliance and knock out Tina?

Sara's last will and testament

By Sara Bozich
FEATURE EDITOR

Sara Louise Bozich graduated from Westminster College on Saturday, May 19th, 2001. She went swiftly in the dark and did not look back. She is survived by the *Holcad* staff and English department. Sara's hobbies included dancing naked on her veranda, swinging from vines, documenting the quotations of existence and sipping iced beverages. She also liked to play cards. Who else on the *Holcad* staff could bring such scandal to a conservative newspaper? Who else would scrounge campus for the best persons to interview? Who else can give you 15 minutes of fame? Sara Bozich. And she will be greatly missed by all. Look for her in the after-(WC)-life. She will be famous, I assure you. Years down the road, on *A&E's Biography*, they will show this article right here, and prove that Sara was always confident she would be legendary. Oh yeah, and she left this will. You may want to read it.

I, Sara Louise Bozich, being of relatively sound mind and body considering the amount of work I have to do and the immense pressure to get a job, hereby bequeath the following:

To Jessica Toy, an endless supply of cream for her coffee addiction.

To Andrea Majot, many orange things...particularly Cheetos and Slice.

To Amy Bridge, Heinz beans. Heinz buildz Britz, don't forget. That was the point.

To Amanda Kengersky, my ability to NOT do work and have fun. Calm down, young thing.

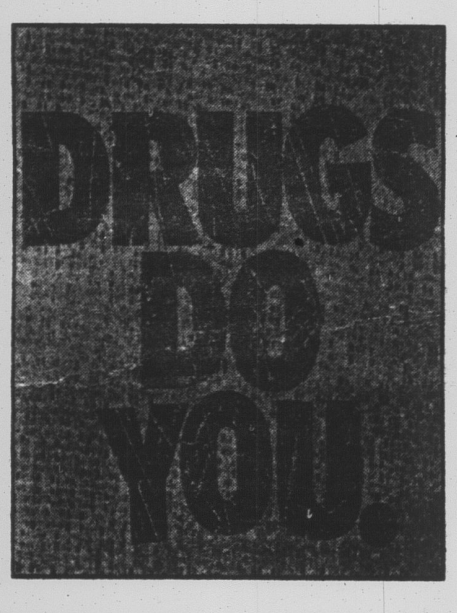
To Jon McKay, all things *Oasis*, good health, and jellybeans.

To Lani Nuss, my esteemed title and responsibilities at an esteemed newspaper.

To Chris Borsani, all of my library hours.

To Tim Straite, Chris Jeram, Glynnis Armagost, and the other members of last semester's Traditions class, Sparknotes. Use them as you dare.

To Dr. Sprow and our Family and truly to all others, the simple advice, "Keep passing the open windows."



We are the people in your neighborhood

A Moment of Reflection: Seniors Talk About WC Memories

Compiled By Sara Bozich

What is your most memorable memory from your years at WC?

"My roommate Josh "asleep" in the shower."-**Jake Bridge, Meadville, Pa, History**

"My favorite memories are the ones of just talking, hanging out, and goofing around with my friends! "Cult" girls—I love you! I'm going to miss you!"-**Marisa Lyn Guriel, Pleasant Hills, PA, Elementary Ed.**

"Definitely the process of meeting and making new friends. When I came to Westminster four years ago, I didn't know anybody. But as most of us already have known, it's not very hard to make new friends on this campus. That's one of the things I like about Westminster. People who lived on my hall during my freshmen year just clicked and have become such good friends through hall ball, hall social, slumber party at the study lounge and playing cards in the kitchen in Shaw. Ever since our freshmen year, we've been good friends. Without them being there for me, I couldn't have made it this far. I've also met so many great people through courses and activities. Maybe this is a chance to thank everybody I've met at Westminster for being who s/he is. Thank you guys and I will miss you next year!!"-**Mamiko Nakata, Kobe, Japan, English and Latin**

"Doing a rap in a bikini as a freshman for Ms. Titan."-**Brennen Weidl, Mount Lebanon, PA, CIS**

"Probably being dropped off and thinking my life was over. It seems like it was yesterday."-**John Hauser, Latrobe, PA, Political Science/Economics**

"The night John Hauser built a fire "to keep the coyotes away," PKT Spring Break 1999 in Canada, and the night of my pinning, and the famous message in a bottle!"-**Steve Schooley, New Wilmington, PA, Political Science**

"Getting a total of 600 dollars of fines for various violations in dorms!!!"-**Luke Schuster, North Lima, OH, Public Relations**

"Being a Homecoming Candidate; my pick up day."-**Sarah Phillips, Walton, KY, Human Resources**

"It would not be fair to say that I have a most memorable memory. The friends that I made here are my most memorable memory. I would not trade my memory of them in for the world. Love You Friends!"-**Bradley Ebel, Economy Boro, PA, Chemistry**

"Fun times with friends, date parties, winning Sing and Swing, Greek week."-**Pam Schrag, Cecil, PA, Business Administration**

"Although there are many, most of which I cannot remember, the one memory that stands out from this year is when Warren Butler jumped out of the first floor window of the fraternity house and somehow missed the pillows that were perfectly placed by me and smashed his face on the ground. It was funny only because he did not hurt himself seriously."-**Dan Brownlee, Conneaut Lake, PA, Political Science**

"Having a great senior football season where we went 8-2 with a group of guys that I loved playing with."-**John Ciavarra, Greensburg, PA, Business Administration**

"My roommate frosh year falling out of her loft onto her head... and her talking in her sleep about pouring ice tea off of her bed. I think I threw some toast at the wall that year too. Good times..."-**Julia Makosky, Monroeville, PA, English**

"My most memorable moments at WC would have to be all of the good times I have had with my friends here. From ballroom dancing on the Senior Terrace on our very first night here to our Spring Break in Daytona Beach this year, it is hard to pinpoint just one single memory, but it has been my friends that have made my years in college so unforgettable."-**Shay Stewart, Harmony, PA, Elementary Education**

"I have a lot of awesome memories from freshman year...Jimmy & Deean's apartment & Tom the Bomb's had to the best "memorable" times!"-**Meredith McCaskey, New Wilmington, PA, Math**

"Becoming great friends with all of my boyz and a lot of girls. It would not have been possible at a bigger school to form these kinds of relationships and friendships. Also at the end of my freshman year when I almost died from drinking a bottle of Vodka in 22 minutes. Remember that one Henry, Solo, Ciavarra, Lipps, Schuler, Cav, Coliacovo, anyone else I may have left out because I don't remember, oh yeah who can forget "CUPPER" or hiding Ron Bird's Underwear?"-**Andy Soltes, Donora, PA, Business Administration**

"I really can't narrow it down to one. Part of the "joy" of going to school in such a remote area is that you have to make your own fun and I think we've done a good job of that."-**Nicole Zeller, Pittsburgh, PA, Public Relations**

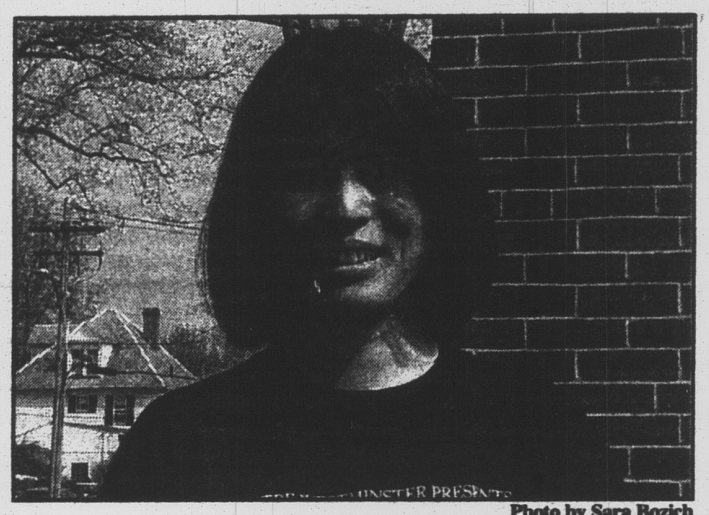
"My most memorable memory is definitely the night there was an insane windstorm and Justin Nicolette and I tried to race the wind down Waugh...he may have won! Then he made a snowman out of powdered sugar and I accidentally knocked it down, and then we painted pictures in my attic. Good times... :)"-**Jaclyn Haubach, Cranberry Township**

"My most memorable part of WC was living in Shaw Hall my freshman year and making wonderful friends."-**Marissa Grano, Moon Township, PA, Elementary Education**

"I have too many wonderful memories here at Westminster. But I have ALWAYS had the best time when I was with my friends."-**Marianne Davis, New Castle, PA, Psychology**

"Definitely when the blind in hillside came crashing to my head, busting it open, and causing some stitch work to be done... not a pleasant memory, but one not to be forgotten...the scar will be a constant reminder." -**Jenn Dlugos, Latrobe, PA, Elementary Education**

"Late nights in the dorms when there really are no plans at all, late night trips to Wal-Mart and Taco Bell, sorority candlelights, movie days with Jenn and Nicole, and *Survivor* nights with Katie and Liza."-**Molly Cready, Bethel Park, PA, Speech Communications**



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Mamiko Nakata

Do you still remember most of your Fresh Start group?

"Honestly, I don't. I can pick out a couple people, but not nearly most." -**Marisa Lyn Guriel, Pleasant Hills, PA, Elementary Ed.**

"Barely. To be honest with you, I didn't particularly care for Fresh Start activities. It was rather a pain to go through all that stuff." -**Mamiko Nakata, Kobe, Japan, English and Latin**

"Yes. Almost, if not every, member. I still talk to most of them too."-**John Hauser, Latrobe, PA, Political Science/Economics**

"I think I can name two...John Colaiocovo and JAY CRUMBACHER." -**Steve Schooley, New Wilmington, PA, Political Science**

"Nope, I was a meathead football player."-**Luke Schuster, North Lima, OH, Public Relations**

"Some of them...some I became friends with later and wasn't friends with back then. (Love ya Sara Bresnahan!)" -**Sarah Phillips, Walton, KY, Human Resources**

"Yes I do, I don't talk to them much anymore."-**Bradley Ebel, Economy Boro, PA, Chemistry**

"Yes, but have not stayed in touch with many of them."-**Pam Schrag, Cecil, PA, Business Administration**

"I remember a couple of people from my group (Rich Siniawski Charlie Knox and Josh Cunic.) Ryan Mathieu was also in my group and I remember that because I did not like him in the beginning and to tell you the truth I still don't like him now."-**Dan Brownlee, Conneaut Lake, PA, Political Science**

"Not really, I remember one girl that has since dropped out, and one kid from my high school that is still here. I remember skipping Fresh Start a lot of the time."-**Julia Makosky,**

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Brad Ebel

Photo by Sara Bozich

Shay Stewart, Meredith McCaskey and Nicole Zeller

"No, not at all. Never took part in any of it."**-Andy Soltes, Donora, PA, Business Administration**

"Definitely. I am still really good friends with several of them!!"**-Nicole Zeller, Pittsburgh, PA, Public Relations**

"Hmm....I remember Julie Zadroga was one of my leaders and I kept in touch with her until she moved out west. Josh Martin and Gabe Verga were in there as well and are still great friends! Was Durbz in that group????"**-Jaclyn Haubach, Elementary Education**

"I can still name most of the people in my Fresh Start group and definitely remember the seniors that lead me."**-Ellen Johnston, Bethany, WV, Christian Education**

"My fresh start group was great!! I remember every person in it and I am still pretty good friends with everyone in it."**-Marianne Davis, New Castle, PA, Psychology**

"I think so, lets see...DC (Chris Dudic), Braden Janette, Stephanie Higgins, Kylie Squigero, some chick named Christine who left after one semester, Alaska Dave was one of our leaders.... should I keep going??" **-Jenn Dlugos, Latrobe, PA, Elementary Education**

"I definitely remember my Fresh Start group. We were forced to be together for five days straight. I had a great group though, so it made it worthwhile! I'll miss you guys!"**-Dana Bilik, Greensburg, PA, Elementary Education**

How many times did you change your major?

"I changed my major a week before fresh start, that was it." **-Marisa Lyn Guriel, Pleasant Hills, PA, Elementary. Ed.**

"I never did. But I've often wondered what would it be like to have my major changed to a completely different field like Biology...and I would never graduate in time. I give so much credit to those folks who camp out in Hoyt." **-Mamiko Nakata, Kobe, Japan, English and Latin**

"Twice."**-Brennen Weidl, Mount Lebanon, PA, CIS**

"I kept my first major the whole time, but I changed my second major/minor six times before settling on my original choice which was a second major in economics."**-John Hauser, Latrobe, PA, Political Science/Economics**

"Never, but I did change my minor six times. At least I'll always remember how friendly and helpful the ladies in the registrar's office have been..."**-Steve Schooley, New Wilmington, PA, Political Science**

"Three, and I am graduating on time."**-Luke Schuster, North Lima, OH, Public Relations**

"Twice, Chemistry -> psychology -> Chemistry."**-Bradley Ebel, Economy Boro, PA, Chemistry**

"None, I still have the same major I started with."**-Pam Schrag, Cecil, PA, Business Administration.**

"I changed my major once, from Biology to Political Science. Biology is for people with ambition and good work habits, and needless to say, I have neither."**-Dan Brownlee, Conneaut Lake, PA, Political Science**

"In my head or on paper? In my head I was anything from an opera diva to a marine biologist to a shoe salesman...on paper, I think I changed it four times."**-Julia Makosky, Monroeville, PA, English**

"I am one of the very fortunate people at WC that have not had to even consider changing my major. The program here for Elementary Education is so incredible that it never crossed my mind to do anything else for a career."**-Shay Stewart, Harmony, PA, Elementary Education**

"Never had one until I picked Business my sophomore year. I was going to stay exploratory, but the future outlook for those graduates is not too bright. What in the heck is exploratory? Why is it not just undecided?"**-Andy Soltes, Donora, PA, Business Administration**

"I never changed it, but the combination was altered a few times. I came here to fulfill my dream of teaching, to continue with my passion in music, and knowledge of Spanish, which resulted in a double major and minor, Music being the minor."**-Jaclyn Haubach, Cranberry Township, Elementary Education**

"I never changed my major, but I wish I would have!!!"**-Marianne Davis, New Castle, PA, Psychology**

"I started out with education, immediately switched to English. Then the speech major was born, and I flip-flopped my major and minor to speech major English minor."**-Molly Cready, Bethel Park, PA, Speech Communications**

"Officially or in my head? I changed my major everyday until I ran out of them in my mind!"**-Dana Bilik, Greensburg, PA, Elementary Education**

Are you Greek?

"I'm part of the best sorority on campus.... PHI MU!" **-Marisa Lyn Guriel, Pleasant Hills, PA, Elementary. Ed.**

"NO." **-Mamiko Nakata, Kobe, Japan, English and Latin**

"Hell yeah! Shoo! Shoo! Phi Tau!!!"**-John Hauser, Latrobe, PA, Political Science/Economics**

"Yes... Phi Kappa Tau. Highest GPA on campus and Best Pick Up 2001." **-Steve Schooley, New Wilmington, PA, Political Science**

"NOPE, Italian and German, oh and I pledged at the Eps."**-Luke Schuster, North Lima, OH, Public Relations**

"Love my Phi Mu sisters!!" **-Sarah Phillips, Walton, KY, Human Resources**

"No, Just a GDI."**-Bradley Ebel, Economy Boro, PA, Chemistry**

"Yes, and I have the bill to prove it. That bill might take me longer to pay off than my school loans."**-Dan Brownlee, Conneaut Lake, PA, Political Science**

"Shu, Shu, Sigma Nu."**-John Ciavarra, Greensburg, PA, Business Administration**

"Former Greek, and still recovering thank you... I think I lasted a week or two. Does a week or two count? I still have some sorority letters; I use them to wash my car. Good times..."**-Julia Makosky, Monroeville, PA, English**

"Yes, Alpha Gamma Delta!!"**-Meredith McCaskey, New Wilmington, PA, Math**

"Sort of Sigma Nu, but I don't get caught up in all of it like most people do. I think it makes people act in a fake way that 10 years down the road won't mean crap."**-Andy Soltes, Donora, PA, Business Administration**

"I am not Greek and never even considered becoming Greek. I think really I am mostly German and Irish with some random whatnots mixed in. Nevertheless, I have made so many friends who are from the Greek community."**-Jaclyn Haubach, Cranberry Township, PA, Elementary Education**

"Was for about a second AGD...but I am only true to one sorority really and that is Phi Jenn."**-Jenn Dlugos, Latrobe, PA, Elementary Education**

"Yes I am an Alpha Gam proudly."**-Molly Cready, Bethel Park, PA, Speech Communications**

What are you doing post-graduation? Grad school? Job? Sponging off parents?

"Moving away and accumulating debt."**-Jake Bridge, Meadville, PA, History**

"I'm moving to a suburb of Raleigh with Steve Schooley and teaching 1st or 2nd graders!" **-Marisa Lyn Guriel, Pleasant Hills, PA, Elementary. Ed.**

"I've applied to a few graduate schools and am still waiting to hear from them. They better let me know soon. I'm getting impatient!" **-Mamiko Nakata, Kobe, Japan, English and Latin**

"My dream job of an adult film star." **-Brennen Weidl, Mount Lebanon, PA, CIS**

"Law school at Duquesne."**-John Hauser, Latrobe, PA, Political Science/Economics**

"Going to law school so that I can rack up a couple more tens of thousands of dollars of student loan debt." **-Steve Schooley, New Wilmington, PA, Political Science**

"After two years of work I plan to be a charter captain of my own deep sea fishing boat, but the helpers will be bikini-clad natives with sharp hooks and curves!!"**-Luke Schuster, North Lima, OH, Public Relations**

"Currently looking for a job, and will live at home while I earn some money." **-Sarah Phillips, Walton, KY, Human Resources**

"I am moving to Boulder, Colorado to work for a company named Baxter. I will be involved in the production of hemoglobin, fermentation/purification. I will be moving out there June 1 and starting my job on June 4. AHHHH. Too soon."**-Bradley Ebel, Economy Boro, PA, Chemistry**

"A job, but don't know which one yet."**-Pam Schrag, Cecil, PA, Business Administration**

"I'm going home to live off of the parents for a while, jobs are for suckers."**-Dan Brownlee, Conneaut Lake, PA, Political Science**

"I'll be working for NVR homes around Washington, D.C. with a bunch of my friends from school. It should be interesting. I'll still be sponging off my parents though!!"**-John Ciavarra, Greensburg, PA, Business Administration**

"If I don't end up a rock star, I am going to disappear."**-Julia Makosky, Monroeville, PA, English**

"I just got a job offer with a consulting firm in Pittsburgh."**-Meredith McCaskey, New Wilmington, PA, Math**

"Going to Atlanta for a week or two to see my brother. Haven't found a job yet, but will continue to keep looking in Pittsburgh or even the Atlanta area. Maybe grad school if nobody wants to hire me. Del Suppo is always hiring, maybe there too."**-Andy Soltes, Donora, PA, Business Administration**

"I plan to take each day as it comes and see where I end up."**-Nicole Zeller, Pittsburgh, PA, Public Relations**

"I love my front porch on Waugh so much that I am staying here! In reality, I am staying to student teach. (1st grade!!!! yahoo!!!) I am doing what I call "pretend graduating!" I will finish in Dec."**-Jaclyn Haubach, Cranberry Township, PA, Elementary Education**

"After graduation, I guess I am going to go home and hopefully have a job in August, which is good, because it gives me the whole summer to have fun and relax and play!"**-Marissa Grano, Moon Township, PA, Elementary Education**

"I will be hanging from the trees in Ligonier as a wilderness intern for next year. I will be running the Pittsburgh marathon this Sunday too. That will be memorable!"**-Ellen Johnston, Bethany, WV, Christian Education**

"I am planning on going to grad school at Slippery Rock for guidance counseling."**-Marianne Davis, New Castle, PA, Psychology**

"I will be taking some summer classes because I am short credits for some mysterious reason...I then will work some pathetic job I'm sure until I get a real one teaching the innocent youth of America." **-Jenn Dlugos, Latrobe, PA, Elementary Education**

" Right now I don't have any definite plans... I am continuing to work at Hoss's for the summer and living in a house with four people. Then I plan to move somewhere....Washington D.C., California, who knows...somewhere fun and exciting."**-Molly Cready, Bethel Park, PA, Speech Communications**

Photo by Sara Bozich

Marisa Guriel and Sarah Phillips

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STAMPER & STALEY

Town and Country

Stamper & Staley have been given the week off in order to preview what you will be seeing next year.

Brad Dell

With Hemingway allusions, a sweet-talking polar bear and a veritable orgy of adulterous relationships, *Town and Country* is at it's best a liberal and quirky romantic comedy for the 21st century.

The film centers around Porter Stoddard (Warren Beatty), an upper-middle class architect who has just celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary. Stoddard claims to be happy with his marriage, but throughout the film has mini or full-fledged affairs with a quartet of women. There is not much more to the plot. *Town and Country* is one of those films where you spend the first hour waiting for the action to start, and the last forty minutes laughing at what you're resigned to see is all you're going to get.

Town and Country makes the utmost effort to live up to its title by whisking Stoddard to some extremes of civilization. Throughout the film, we are whisked to and from New York City (the romantic comedy capital of the world) to a run-down Blanche Dubois-esque New Orleans plantation, the Sun Valley ski resort-a famous Ernest Hemmingway retreat, and a veritable *Little House on the Prairie* cottage on the shore of Long Island. While these various venues are pleasant to look at and give reason for the title, they really create a lack of cohesion that only muffles the film's rather barren plot.

Beatty does an admirably average job as the mid-life-crisis-stricken hero. But it is his fellow cast members that save the film from becoming a total dud.

Mrs. Stoddard is played by the ever-quirky and ever-pants-suit-clad Diane Keaton. As always, Keaton's marvelous little laugh and split-second timing accent some of the film's best scenes.

Goldie Hawn struts her immaculately well-preserved 57-year-old body as Stoddard's childhood best friend and mistress number two. Garry Shandling delivers a surprisingly quiet, but often hilarious performance as Mona's secret-keeping husband and Stoddard's confidante.

The funniest moments of the film are provided by veteran commandment-wielding and charriot-riding actor Charleton Heston. As wealthy father to mistress number four (Andi McDowell), Heston plays a sort of caricature of his NRA-advocate-self, hunting down Stoddard in a fit of lunatic rage.

Director Peter Chelson cannot help but include the standard romantic comedy shtick. Beatty falls off the roof, Shandling falls from a loft and they both get tangled in their own fishing lines and plunge stupidly into the ice-cold river. These clichéd bits stand out as examples of a story pulling at straws for laughter.

This film unties the already loose boundaries of American sexual freedom. Though clearly in love with his wife, Stoddard succumbs to the seemingly natural temptations of infidelity...not once, not even twice, but with four different women throughout the film. Perhaps he loses his restraint because there seems to be sex all around him. In one of the funniest scenes in the movie, Stoddard walks from his bedroom to his kitchen and overhears not only the sexual moanings coming from the maid's room, but also from the respective bedrooms of his son and daughter.

Stoddard is truly a man of the twenty-first century-he allows his children to have sex in the room next door, he cannot help but cheat on his wife with four different women and in the end, he seems to live happily ever after. Roll over Ward Clever...and God bless our liberal moral ideals.

Theatre Westminster presents Goetz's *The Heiress*

By Brad Dell
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Theatre Westminster continues its final production of the season, *The Heiress* at 7:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow in Beeghly Theatre. The powerful drama is written by Ruth and Augustus Goetz and adapted from the Henry James novel *Washington Square*.

The Heiress, set in New York a century and a half ago, is the compelling character study of shy and awkward Catherine Sloper (played by senior Kristy Bronder) and her emotional journey to find love in a very unloving environment. Standing in her way is a stern and contemptuous father (junior Brad Dell) and a suave and idle suitor (senior Matthew Nichols). Her romantic and often foolish aunt (junior Kristen Kress) becomes Catherine's only confidant. Mocked, misled and abandoned, Catherine eventually turns the tables on them all.

Other roles in the Theatre Westminster production will be played by freshman Diana Rodenhausen, senior Rachel Helgeson, freshman Sara Kimbell, sophomore Katrina Kayden, senior John Scott and junior William Weniger.

The Heiress marks the final curtain call for seniors Kristy Bronder, Matthew Nichols and Rachel Helgeson. Bronder's Theatre Westminster career has included leading roles in *How the Other Half Loves*, *Kindertransport*, *Hobson's Choice* and *The Miracle Worker* as Helen Keller. Before spending last semester in London, England, Helgeson has had feature roles in *Story Theater*, *A Man for All Seasons*, *The Miracle Worker* and *Hobson's Choice*. Although just becoming a theatre major this year, Nichols has appeared in *A Man for All Seasons*, *Anything Goes* and *Rashomon* as the crude bandit, Tajamaru. He also performed in two Chapel Dramas and directed last year's *Godspell*.

"These three are so much fun to work with and have added a vibrant flare to every cast they have been a part of," said junior theater major Kristen Kress. "They have truly made an impact on the department and they will be greatly missed.

Critics have called *The Heiress* "something to cheer about" and "a thrilling hit." It is a "a taut and bitter play that holds you every instant."

The Heiress marks New Wilmington resident Eileen Hendrickson's fourth directing endeavor since rejoining the department in the fall of 1999.

The Heiress opened to rave reviews on Broadway in 1947. It has returned to Broadway twice since, with the 1995 revival winning a Tony for star Cherry Jones. The 1949 screen version earned an Oscar for star Olivia De Haviland (*Gone With the Wind*). That cast also included Montgomery Clift, Ralph Richardson and Miriam Hopkins.

Tickets for *The Heiress* can be reserved by calling 724-946-7241, or they can be picked up at the door. The show is free for the Westminster College campus community and $5 otherwise.

Contributed Photo
Kristy Bronder and William Weniger share a scene in *The Heiress*.

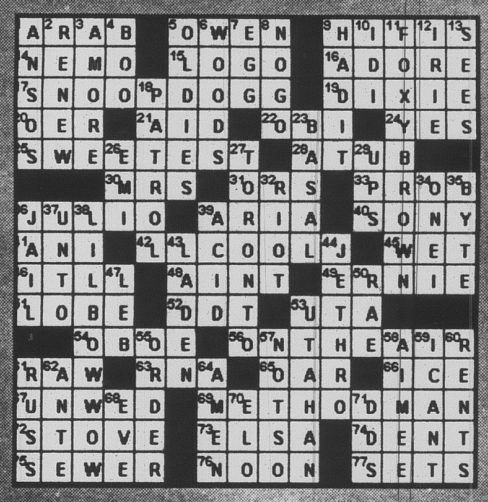
"Born to Rap"

By Matt Gaffney

Across
1 "The Red Thread" group ___ Strap
5 Randy of Alabama
9 Super stereos
14 Captain in "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"
15 A band's may appear on their tour bus
16 Prince song off "Sign O' the Times"
17 Rapper born Calvin Broadus
19 ___ Chicks
20 Above, to poets
21 Word with Live, Band, or Farm
22 ___-Wan Kenobi (Sir Alec Guinness role)
24 Band that released the 1972 album "Fragile"
25 U2's "The ___ Thing"
28 "...three men in ___"
30 "___ Robinson"
31 Where surgeries are done, for short
33 "No ___!"
36 Name in a Paul Simon title
39 Jessye Norman number
40 Tommy Mottola's employer
41 First name in indie rock
42 Rapper born James Todd Smith
45 "___ bus stop, she's waiting..." (Police lyric)
46 Sandy Denny's "___ Take a Long Time"
48 Tom Petty's "___ Love Strange"
49 Tennessee ___ Ford
51 Body part that sounds like popster Lisa
52 Outlawed pesticide, for short
53 Tony-winning actress Hagen
54 Instrument with a double-reed
56 Peter Gabriel song off his second self-titled album
61 Fine Young Cannibals album "The ___ & the Cooked"
63 Genetic stuff: abbr.
65 It moves a boat
66 ___ Cube
67 Like Madonna, when she had her baby
69 Rapper born Clifford Smith
72 Kitchen cooker
73 Supermodel Benitez
74 New car trauma
75 Home to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
76 Twelve, half the time
77 Bands play them at gigs

Down
1 "I'll send ___ to the world..." (another Police lyric)
2 Ask for more "Billboard"
3 "That's ___"
4 Ghost's syllable
5 Popular radio format
6 Boogie-Woogie man Mitch
7 Attack a house a la pranksters
8 "Fuggedaboutit!"
9 "I've ___ up to here..."
10 Former dictator Amin
11 Rapper born Inga Marchand
12 Awesome, to Ziggy Marley
13 Doesn't fold
18 Early '80s electro group and album "Planet ___"
23 ___ metabolism
26 ___ International
27 Snow's city
29 High times
32 Quiet ___
34 The Mamas & the Papas hit "Dedicated to the ___ Love"
35 Napster file measurement, maybe
36 Theme of many rock songs
37 "Do ___ others..."
38 Rapper born Shad Moss
39 ___ rock
43 Burdened (with)
44 ___ Tull
47 Neighbor of Syr.
50 Actress ___ Dawn Chong
53 Marie or Donny Osmond
55 Special ___ (CD store request)
57 "And then you call me and it's ___ bad" (Dido line)
58 Til Tuesday singer Mann
59 Big Bill Broonzy's "___ Be Satisfied"
60 Pays month-to-month
61 Former Argent guitarist ___ Ballard
62 Not post-
64 Word spoken after a gospel tune, maybe
68 "Scorpion" woman
70 "10538 Overture" band
71 Dentist's deg.

Answers to this week's puzzle



Five summer flicks to avoid at all cost

Where to expect the low points in film this summer

-from E!Online

No matter how movie-mad you get this summer, there are a few flicks you should only see if you've exhausted every alternative—like, say, cleaning the rain gutters, rearranging your sock drawer or going in for that root canal. In order of release date, here are five films you should not fail to miss.

1. *The Animal* (Columbia)

Cast: Rob Schneider, Colleen Haskell, Edward Asner

Director: Luke Greenfield

Release Date: June 1

It's probably too easy to rag on this movie, which stars a heroic Rob Schneider as a wimp who dreams of becoming a cop. He gets his chance when, after nearly dying in a car accident, he is rebuilt by a mad scientist, who replaces his organs with animal parts—leaving Schneider to fight his own animal instincts. Nah.

2. *Atlantis: The Lost Empire* (Buena Vista)

Cast (Voices): Michael J. Fox, James Garner, Leonard Nimoy

Directors: Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise

Release Date: June 8

Disney ditches singing mermaids and talking crabs in an ill-advised search for the lost city of Atlantis. The mission is led by young explorer Milo Thatch (Fox), who is surrounded by a motley crew of animated stereotypes in an adventure that reeks of *Titan A.E.* Several crew members die (off screen), things go boom—and the studio expects its target audience of moppets to read subtitles translating a "lost" language.

3. *Swordfish* (DreamWorks)

Cast: John Travolta, Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry

Director: Dominic Sena

Release Date: June 8

After all these Raspberry Awards for *Battlefield Earth*, you would expect Travolta to think twice before taking on another bad-guy role. You'd be wrong. This time, he's grown some creepy facial hair to play a super-rich cyber-terrorist looking for the ultimate score with the help of hunky hacker Jackman. Only a flirty will-they-or-won't-they relationship between Hugh and Halle makes this almost worth watching. Almost.

4. *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* (Dimension)

Cast: Kevin Smith, Jason Mewes, Ben Affleck, Matt Damon

Director: Kevin Smith

Release Date: August 10

Depending on whom you ask, the New Jersey-based auteur behind *Clerks, Mallrats, Chasing Amy* and *Dogma* is either a brilliantly inventive talent with the comic mind of a Gen-X Woody Allen, or a puerile, foul-mouthed egomaniac who confuses pop-culture marginalia with plot and character. Either way, Affleck and Damon and a brigade of genuinely funny people (Will Ferrell, George Carlin, Chris Rock, Jon Stewart) were quick to jump aboard. Bottom line: If you're drinking Kevin's Kool-Aid, it's a must-see; if you ain't a fan, keep your distance.

5. *Rollerball* (MGM)

Cast: Chris Klein, LL Cool J, Jean Reno, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos

Director: John McTiernan

Release Date: August 17

This high-octane remake of the 1975 James Caan vehicle (about a futuristic world in which countries have been replaced by corporations that battle each other in a violent game called Rollerball) promises tons of effects-heavy spills and thrills, courtesy of outrageous roller blade stunts. And it had better. That's because the film is pinning its hopes on an untested action star (Klein, aka Keanu Lite) who may not be able to hold the screen alongside a pumped-up LL Cool J, scheming team owner Reno or the luscious Romijn-Stamos (who could get many to the theater for a film adaptation of the Yellow Pages).

HOROSCOPES

ARIES

Plan to do something special with the family. Obstacles may stand in your way. Ignore people who are trying to lead you astray. You can learn a lot if you are more open-minded. Give others the benefit of the doubt.

TAURUS

Less is best this week. Arguments will evolve if you are overly opinionated. Secret information will aid you and hard work will pay off. You'll meet interesting new people if you attend events.

GEMINI

Choose your projects carefully and do them well instead of saying yes to everyone and doing an inferior job. Think clearly about all of your options and play the waiting game. You shouldn't rush any big decisions this week. Time will be on your side.

CANCER

The stress has been zapping your energy. You have been patient, but now is the time to take action. You'll be well-prepared emotionally to take advantage of anything that comes your way. Put your time and energy into creative pursuits and you'll feel the satisfaction of accomplishing your goals.

LEO

Don't allow others to intimidate you or cause you to lose your confidence. It's not often that you feel the need to reach out past you circle of friends, but this week may prove to be enlightening. It may teach you something about someone you thought you knew.

VIRGO

You have to stand up for your rights. Valuable information will be received if you listen to people who have more experience. Social events could lead to romantic encounters. Your practical approach to life will attract some attention.

SCORPIO

Express yourself precisely, as someone who opposes your beliefs may slant your intentions. Social activity should be on your agenda. Put your time to good use, make love, not war. Help older relatives with their problems.

SAGITARIUS

Go after your goals in a big way. You have added discipline as well as luck, so don't hold back on reaching high. It's time to pull out all the stops and go full tilt. You can get the help and support that will enable you to find the success that you're looking for.

CAPRICORN

This week's scenario is highlighted by your need to focus your energy in the right places. Pamper yourself. Your mind is moving at a mile a minute. What will you do next?

AQUARIUS

You have a great imagination and a strong dreamlike quality. You are inventive, innovative and quick to rise to any occasion that promises to be unusual. Emotional situations may send you for a loop.

PISCES

Use your innovative ideas to excel. You'll impress others with your insight and empathy. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Make plans to spend time with individuals who have similar interests. Love will manifest itself in the strangest ways.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

How about those "PaddleThiefs?" Independents Rule!

In a perfect world all my homework disappears at 5 p.m. Saturday. Either that or a computer magically appears in my room. How I wish I were in that world!

The Ultimate challenge would be the Independents against Greek Week Champs. We'd kill you in everything!

Why do people need 32 different IM screen names? Two is more than enough.

If these computer people are so "intellegent," why did my 17 page paper disappear from my disk and the N:Drive?!?

Remember this: You are all a message of love.

Isn't Greek Week supposed to be about Greek unity and fun? All this petty competition and cattiness is making me ill.

We never give any credit to the ladies and gentlemen that work in the TUB and clean our dorms! Round of applause everyone!

Why can't our school start a garden club? We could make shirts and have our own Greek letters! I know I'd join!

The freshly painted TUB door looks lovely.

I hate when people with no authority try and take over everything and make it a horrible experience!

Does Physical Plant think cleaning a bathroom in Eich. once every four weeks is a "good job?"

Feast 'n Fire was great, could have used more food though.

Why is it that people can just change the rules so they have a better chance of winning?

My favorite part about finals is when you're trying to print up three major papers, and (lo and behold), the printers aren't working.

Physical Plant, another Marriot disaster on this campus!

If I could have one wish, it would be the elimination of toe fungus in the Russell showers.

As a senior, I wish to share my sympathy with the underclassmen about your having to come back next year. On a positive note - na na na na naaaa!

Rant 'n Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not endorse or condemn, any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Greek Week

Last week Westminster reached its annual low-Greek week. For one week of the year, the Greeks participate in a series of events that are supposed to promote Greek unity. It is unclear, however, when one actually attends these events, at what point the Greeks begin to bond. There is, of course, unquestionable support from each respective sorority and fraternity for its participants in any given event. The "friendly competition" between the different groups, however, is at best childish and ridiculously in disagreement with the above stated objective of Greek Week.

Participants and onlookers alike go to ridiculous lengths to win these petty competitions-many resort to cheating and exaggerated whining when their group fails to win a game that most grade school students would be mature enough to have some perspective about.

The timing for this extravaganza of immature behavior, too, is poor at best. With finals right around the corner, it is ridiculous that Greeks are expected to expend the amount of time and energy required to make it through Greek Week. It is of little wonder that Greek organizations are regarded as frivolous and childish when instead of studying and preparing for final examinations, they are seen performing relay races and pushing soapboxes down a hill.

If the campus at large is to be subjected annually to Greek Week, it should be moved to an earlier point in the semester when Greek students do not have to choose between academics and ridiculous activities.

In addition to the daily activities are the time-consuming two-hour night practices for Sing and Swing, the culmination of the week's immature and brattish behavior. At Sing and Swing one can look forward to extensive booing and jeering from the different Greek organizations as their rivals take their turns onstage.

Greek week has become a pathetic and irritating trial for the campus. Unfortunately, it is a Westminster tradition and will not be easily gotten rid of.

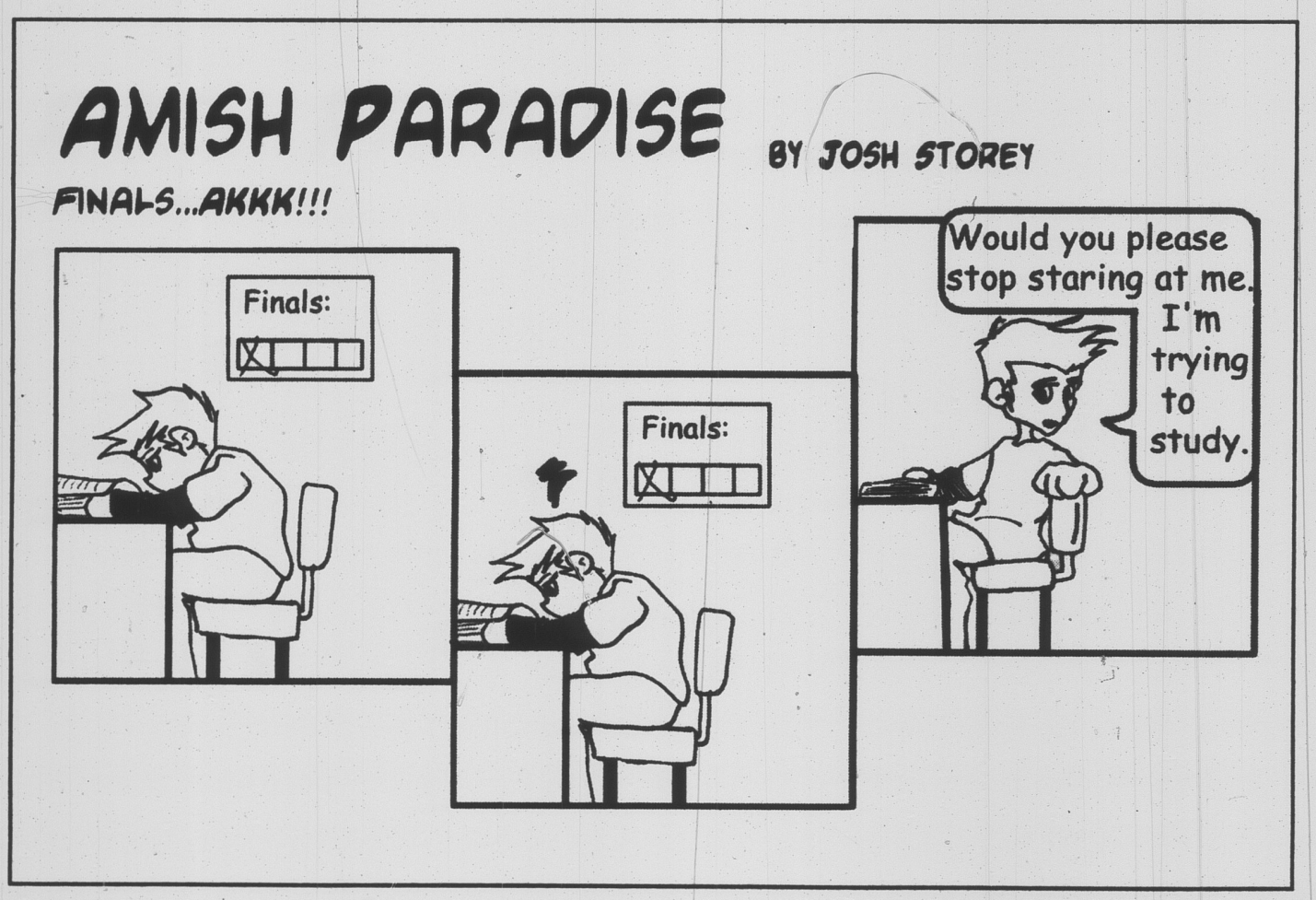
If the campus at large is to be subjected annually to Greek Week, it should be moved to an earlier point in the semester when Greek students do not have to choose between academics and ridiculous activities.

That being the case, perhaps some alternative ways to operate Greek Week should be considered. Rather than have Greek organizations participate against each other, teams could be made up of members from each sorority and fraternity. Not only does this prompt real Greek unity, but rivalry between organizations would decrease.

Perhaps another way to insure a smoother, more successful Greek Week would be to make sure each organization understands the rules. Too many arguments last week were caused by misunderstandings and ignorance of how things were supposed to work. In some reported cases, sororities and fraternities blatantly disobeyed the regulations, causing a frustrating week for many.

Overwhelmingly, it has been said that people just take the annual event too seriously. After all, it's supposed to be fun and relaxing - a chance to think about something else besides classes and work, even if it comes at a time when classes and work should be most important. The overly-competitive attitudes of many puts a damper on the event and the Greek community.

Congratulations are in order for everyone who worked hard to organize the events of Greek Week. Their efforts were solely responsible for keeping the week from degenerating into an all-out brawl. Also, congratulations to everyone who made it through the week with grace and tolerance. Everyone who played fairly and won or lost graciously should be proud. As for everyone who added to Greek tension and ruined what could have been a week of fun and unity in spite of its traditional poor timing, they should be ashamed of themselves and should reconsider their positions as scholars and adults. These are the people who caused many to be embarrassed to call themselves Greek last week.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
To All Seniors:

'Twas the night before graduation,
And all through the dorms,
No underclassmen were stirring
They already went home.

Freshmen made it to next semester, thank their lucky stars,
Sophomores went out to try to drink in the bars.
Juniors filled their glasses to the top with beer
And the seniors were left on campus, brimming with cheer.

No more classes, no more books.
No more registrars' office nasty looks.
Forget about papers. No homework was due.
The very next day, our college life would be through.

But some of us wondered what it would be like
To not be a student, not even the bad type.
No more cafeteria seating. How would we decide?
Who was cool and who was not, even though we all tried?

"But look on the bright side," I tried to pretend,
That I was not scared with my college life at an end.
"The bright side of this," I tried to explain,
"No more TUB food, you can move to where it doesn't rain!"

Some laughed at my joke,
Some started to cry,
But a few smart cookies
Gave the tequila a try.

One shot, two shot, three shot, DONE.
That was my last college drink.
I hope I had fun.

Now with debt piled high,
And seniors filled with cheer,
I'm here to tell you all
Our future is here.

Seniors can't stop grinning from one ear to another,
They have secrets to tell.
They know about my brother.

Seniors smile because they accomplished something grand.
They graduated from college, out here in Amish land.
Now I am a senior, and now I can say,
Remember in college...ah...the good old days.

I won't tell you dad about your spring break tattoo.
And I won't tell your girlfriend that you dated me too.
College is a time to act stupid and crazy.
We have the rest of our lives to be smart and/or lazy.

No more midterms or finals.
The day has arrived.
We are no longer seniors,
Just poor young alumni.

So to parents and grads,
I say good luck and have fun.
Be safe in your adventures.
Keep life on the run.

Now we'll line up to receive diplomas a plenty.
No matter where we go, we have made it already.
I pray our lives are filled with cheer and not strife.
Congratulations to all and to all a good life.

Thanks,
Gabrielle Buckley

Dear Editor,

Here's some more trivia on the Old Main Tower carillon. The first twelve bells were cast by Meneely Bell Company, Watervliet NY for the Delaware-DuPont Estate Gardens in 1935. Due to the depression, the bells were never installed there. When William M. and Mary Duff of Pittsburgh learned of this, they purchased the bells and presented them to Westminster College on Easter 1935 in honor of their daughters, Charlotte McGill Duff and Letitia Prenter Duff. On June 2, 1978 Katherine Stewart Armington, x-'16, a member of the Board, presented 25 more bells cast by the Verdin Bell Company of Cincinnati OH, bringing the total to 37. There are 98 steps to the carillon console from ground level. And so it has been since 1942 when I first played them, and still do before Vespers each week.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Musser, Class of '45

Dear Editor,

This letter is being written concerning the parking situation on this campus. The parking is inadequate, and there is obviously not enough parking for all the students and faculty on this campus. According to an administrator at Westminster College, there are only 850 parking spots on this campus and 1200 parkers a day. It is my understanding that there are several proposed plans to expand parking on this campus within the next five years, if approved. We believe the parking situation is a serious problem that will only worsen when Shaw Parking Lot is closed temporarily for the renovations to the student union building. Therefore, these proposed plans should be approved and implemented immediately to solve the problem of insufficient parking on this campus. We, the students at Westminster College, are entitled to a place to park our cars on campus.

Thank you.

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THE 20TH ANNUAL KIWANIS BOOKSALE is scheduled May 2-5 at the New Wilmington Fire Hall, Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Paperbacks are $.25, and hardbacks are $.50. All proceeds benefit the New Wilmington Fire Department.

INSIDE LAWRENCE COUNTY airs Thursday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. on Cable 9. The local news/magazine show is produced by students in the Communication Studies Department and is also seen throughout Lawrence County on Cable Channel 10.

VOLLEYROCK 2001, sponsored by SGA, is scheduled Saturday, May 5. Get free Lube wings, T-shirts, snow cones cotton candy, and of course, volleyball. Contact Kyleen Adams at EXT. 7042 for more information.

PASTOR GARCIA from Saltillo, Mexico will speak Monday, May 7. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Emmanual United Methodist Church (located at the corner of Mitchell Rd. and Route 18) with a covered dish and a sampling of Mexican food, and follows with a presentation by Garcia regarding what is happening in Mexico today. For more information, call (724) 652-6439.

A CLOTHING COLLECTION to benefit the Women's Shelter sponsored by a group of first-year students under the guidance of their RA, Sarah Stankorb, is currently in progress. Any clothes, especially those that can be used for job interviews, can be donated in a collection box in the TUB lounge. All women's clothing not used by the center and any men's clothing will be passed along to the Rescue Mission.

FOR RENT/SALE

FOR SALE: Michael Cosgrove is selling his home in New Wilmington. For more information, contact him at (724) 657-1150 or log on to

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FRIDAY 4
11:40 a.m. Chapel
6:30 p.m. Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Show: Bear Tales — HSC 116 (Planetarium)
7:30 p.m. Westminster Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band Concert — Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster Spring Production: The Heiress — Beeghly Theater
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under
Phi Mu Date Party

SATURDAY 5
Noon Volley Rock
Men's Track and Field @ Grove City Invitational
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Point Park (H)
TBA Chapel Drama Practice — Chapel
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Show: Bear Tales — HSC 116 (Planetarium)
7:30 p.m. Westminster Jazz Ensemble Concert - Anderson Amphitheater
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster Spring Production: The Heiress — Beeghly Theater

SUNDAY 6
6:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - Sig Ep House
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting - Theta Chi House
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting — Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Vespers
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 7
LLP Block IV Classes End This Week
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 150
6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - CFH 116
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311/312
7:30 p.m. Concert Featuring Two Alums: Matt McCright, piano; Andy Erb, instrumental — Chapel
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Activation - Chapel

TUESDAY 8
LAST DAY OF CLASSES - FRIDAY CLASSES MEET
10:00 a.m. CCO Team Meeting — Down Under
11:15 a.m. Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting — TUB A/B
11:30 a.m. Allies Program: "Backing Gay Literature" — TUB Lounge
3:30 p.m. Phi Mu Senior Send-Off — Down Under
5:30 p.m. End-of-the-Year Picnic for Beta Beta Beta

WEDNESDAY 9
READING DAY
Noon Employee Recognition Luncheon
Noon - 4:00 p.m. Stress Reduction - Student Health Center
9:00 p.m. Cram Jam (Breakfast Food Served) - Duff Dining Room

THURSDAY 10
FINAL EXAMS
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - TUB A/B

FRIDAY 11
FINAL EXAMS

SATURDAY 12
FINAL EXAMS
7:00 p.m. Senior Mass - Chapel

SUNDAY 13
MOTHER'S DAY

MONDAY 14
FINAL EXAMS
Beginning of Senior Week
Last Meal for Board Plan: LUNCH
6:00 p.m. RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE FOR ALL BUT GRADUATING SENIORS

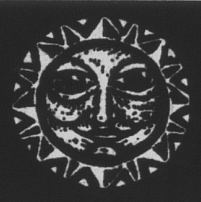
TUESDAY 15
SENIOR WEEK

WEDNESDAY 16
SENIOR WEEK

THURSDAY 17
SENIOR WEEK

FRIDAY 18
SENIOR WEEK
Board of Trustees Meeting

SATURDAY 19
10:30 a.m. Baccalaureate
2:30 p.m. Commencement - Senior Terrace
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m. RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE FOR SENIORS



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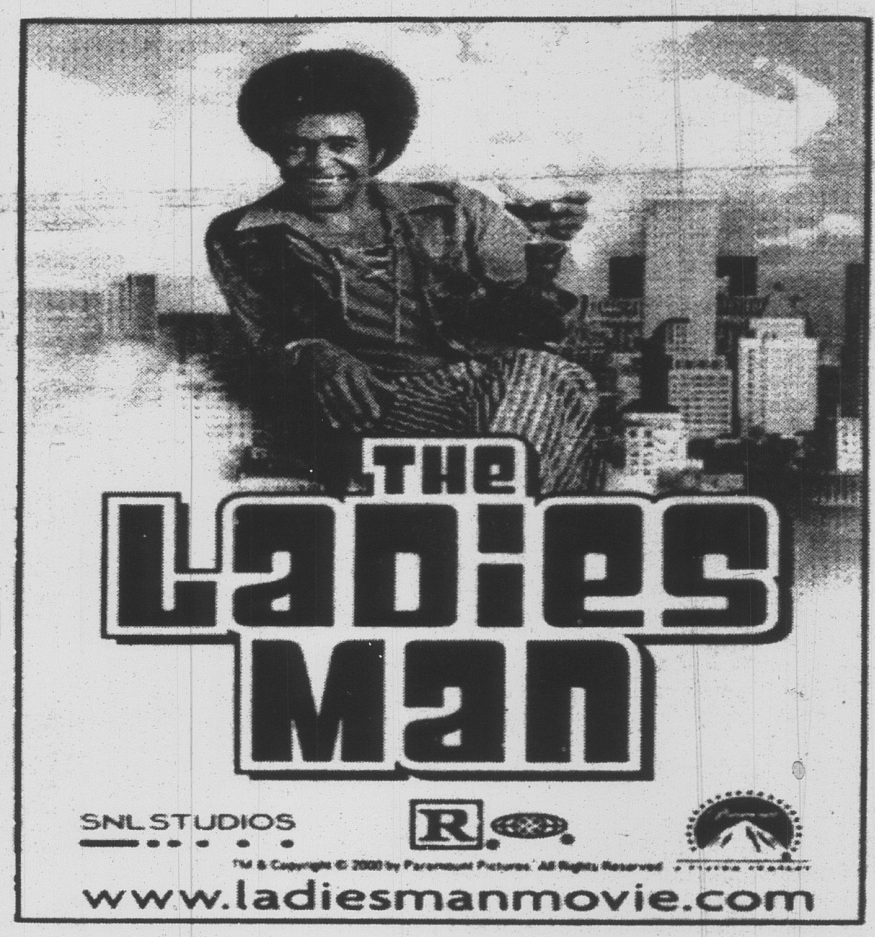

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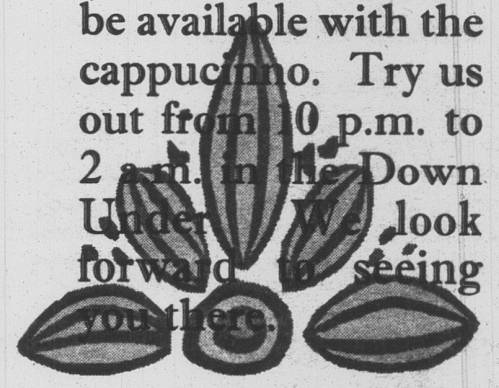

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Campus welcomes new chaplain

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

Steve Allen is right where he wants to be as the new college chaplain. The Reverend Steve M. Allen began his duties as college chaplain in August. He is responsible for holding Chapel and Vespers and coordinating speakers for these events. He will also be working closely with Campus Ministries and Habitat for Humanity.

Taking over the position requires "a lot of listening at first," Allen said. He plans to strengthen what has worked in the past and to do some tweaking on those things that have not been as successful. "The new ideas will come from observing and from listening to what's happening on campus," Allen said.

Allen wants students to know that anyone is welcome to talk to him in his office at 316 Old Main. "I want to try and find different ways to be available for people who might not attend Chapel," Allen said.

Allen graduated Phi Beta Kappa from The College of Wooster and earned a master's in divinity from Yale Divinity School.

Prior to coming here, Allen was employed at the Lovett School in Atlanta, Georgia for six years. "New Wilmington is quite a change from Atlanta, but it seems like a great place to raise our children," Allen said. The Lovett School was a pre-K through 12 private school with about 2,000 students where he dealt primarily with high school students and faculty. His position there was very similar to that of a college chaplain; he coached wrestling and worked closely with The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Allen and his wife, Sue, have four children, all under the age of six. He suggests that people will "Hear them coming before they see him."

Overall, he seems very happy to be with the College. "This is a great campus and a great town, we're right where we want to be," Allen said.

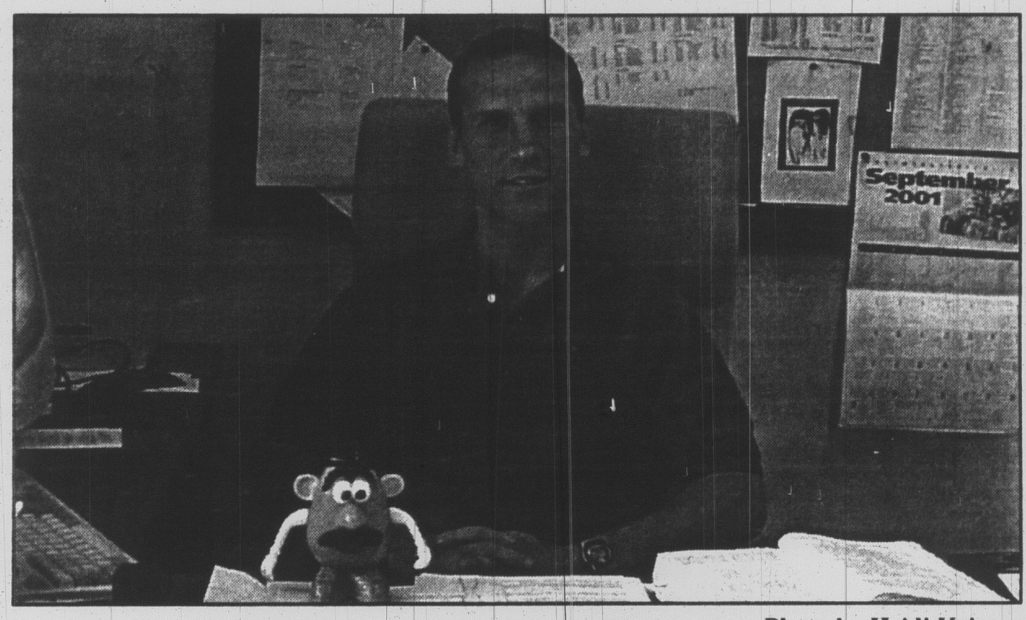

Photo by Heidi Krieger
New chaplain, Reverend Steve Allen.

Freshman receives Monster.com award

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Monster.com scholarship winner, Nikki Ferrari.

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Monster.com founder and billionaire Andrew McKelvey and his wife are giving full college scholarships to 16 students from some of the state's rural school districts this fall. The scholarships cover tuition, fees, room and board and books.

McKelvey, 66, a Westminster graduate, awarded one of the scholarships to WC freshman Nikki Ferrari, a native of Rimersburg. "I was in shock when I first found out," Ferrari said. "This is the ultimate stroke of luck."

Actually, luck had little to do with it. Ferrari was chosen after an extensive process that included grade requirements, teacher recommendations, an essay on entrepreneurship and a meeting with the McKelveys.

Ferrari is currently in the exploratory program, and is unsure of how she will use her opportunity to choose a career. "Right now, I'm interested in so many things," she said. "I'd like to be a landscape architect, an interior designer or maybe an obstetrician." She still keeps in touch with the McKelveys through e-mail.

In choosing the finalists, McKelvey said he looked for students like himself – determined and entrepreneurial. "In this country, if you make money, you have a responsibility to give it back," he said.

McKelvey hopes the students will return to their hometowns and help rebuild them with what they learn in college. "The McKelveys are doing this so we can eventually give back to the communities that we came from," Ferrari said. "It's our responsibility now."

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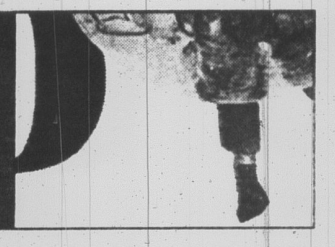

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CAMPUS NEWS

Fresh Start staff welcomes new students to campus

By Andrea Majot
STAFF WRITER

Fresh Start 2001 wrapped up last week as some students began classes for the first time and others resumed campus life as usual. Orientation staff and faculty, tired yet proud of this year's success, feel this Fresh Start was one of the best in college history. Senior Fresh Start staff member Danielle Perfetti, who is now in her third year with the program, was impressed with how well this year's orientation went. "The staff was excellent and very enthusiastic. Considering all the changes on campus, things ran smoothly."

At 8:00 a.m. on Friday, freshmen began arriving. Eager orientation leaders greeted the new students and then spirited their belongings away down long hallways and up flights of stairs – a service the freshmen are sure to recall in future years with growing fondness. Soon afterward, the new students were taken over to Old 77 to collect their mailroom keys, books, voicemail codes and all the other essentials of campus life. Next they were put to work at the Elementary Education Mathematics Assessment or were left to explore the campus aided by the new signs and directories.

Later in the day at Opening Convocation, President Williamson and other members of the faculty and administration welcomed the new students and then challenged them to accept all that the college had to offer. At the reception outside Orr following the Convocation, the freshmen said their goodbyes to their families before they were to meet up with their orientation group for the first time.

At these meetings, the freshmen discovered in their team leaders the enthusiastic and positive attitude they would need to make it through the next few activity-packed days. From socials to educational workshops, the first days of Fresh Start were kept busy to ward off homesickness and to provide new students with all the information necessary for their first year of college.

In addition to the regular workshops on such subjects as academics, volunteerism and internships, this year orientation groups held a discussion on the book *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn. Incoming students were asked to read the book and write a brief paper about it over the summer in order to be adequately prepared for the discussion. Last year, when it was found that the discussion was lacking in participation, representatives of Student Affairs and the Inquiry faculty decided it would be best to assign a paper to generate more conversation.

As predicted, the discussions were much improved. Junior Fresh Start leader Kutila Warner, who was present at one of the meetings, was impressed with the increase in participation. "Almost everybody in the group contributed something. They also got into a lot of important issues that didn't have to do with the book specifically." Sophomore Nathan Zuzack, who led one of the discussions, was also pleased with the freshman interest. "The discussion was really great. A lot of people felt strongly about the issues brought up."

The orientation came to a close with another set of workshops and the Welcome Back Dance at the Down Under. While the incoming class of 382 freshmen, 15 transfers and two international students was extremely large and required more preparation and staff, most volunteers agree it was worth it. They also agreed that one of the greatest motivators for them was the enthusiasm the incoming students displayed.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne was also impressed with the attitude the freshmen had and encourages them to keep that energy. "I think that if these first-year students stay as actively involved as they were throughout the week, there will never be a dull moment around here."

'Late Night Westminster' features members of Fresh Start staff

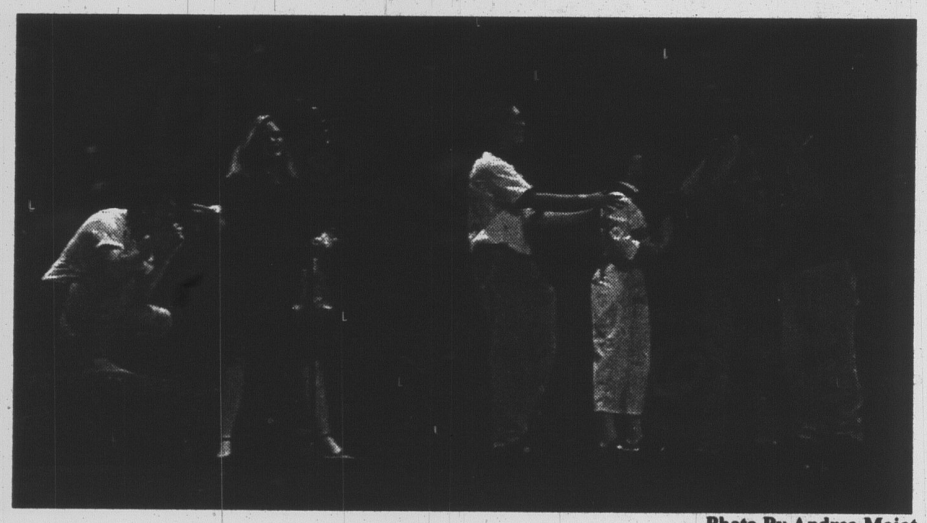


Photo By Andrea Majot
A Late Night skit features Saturday Night Live's "Mr. Peepers."

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Freshmen were welcomed to campus with short skits performed by upper-class students. "Westminster Late Night," which has become a traditional part of the Fresh Start activities, was held in Orr Auditorium in front of an enthusiastic crowd of both freshmen and upper-classmen.

Junior Bobby Fisher, a crowd favorite, was master of ceremonies for the event. Junior Corrine Gaglia and Senior Janis Sylves also announced some of the 12 skits. Although it was easy to hear "Bobby!" yelled several times from various locations in the crowd, Fisher was quick to pass the spotlight. "I really thought Al and Todd got the most crowd noise," Fisher said. "They seemed to be the stars of the show."

Fisher was referring to Juniors Al Starr and Todd Lepovsky, who randomly sprinted on stage several times wearing bras and shorts to deliver antics that ranged from leapfrogging one another to something that looked like two men trying to kill a bat in a phone booth. "We volunteered for that job," Lepovsky said.

The random entries by the braziered boys were explained in the last skit, possibly the highlight of the show, when Lepovsky and Starr met up with their other scantily clad performers to deliver an unforgettable performance of Madonna's "Express Yourself."

Another high point in the show was the second skit, in which 21 students dressed in various costumes such as pimps, prostitutes and Grove City students sang, "I'm glad I am at Westminster."

Junior Stefanie King portrayed Saturday Night Live's Mary Catherine Gallagher in an Inquiry class. "I had never done that on stage before," King said. "But we practiced for a few weeks, and it was a blast."

Other SNL skits performed at Late Night included "Mr. Peepers," with a guest performance by Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman, the 'Titan' cheerleaders, and "Celebrity Jeopardy," which included Fisher as a hilarious Sean Connery.

The audience enjoyed all of the skits, responding with loud cheers and applause. Freshman Josh Nesbitt summed up his feelings after watching the show. "It was good. I really enjoyed it." Fisher agreed, "I thought the whole show went great."

Photo by Andrea Majot
King as Mary Catherine Gallagher.

Ten tips on how to handle homesickness and get involved

HOMESICKNESS: IT'S UNIVERSAL. Psychologists call it "separation anxiety" and few people are immune. It is experienced by the kindergartner going off to school as well as the businessperson starting a new job. Here are a few tips to help you through it now or in the future.

1. Admit that you have it. Much of what you know and can rely on is back home. Homesickness is a natural response to this sense of loss.

2. Talk about it with an older sibling or friend who has gone away from home. It takes strength to accept the fact that something is bothering you and to confront it.

3. Bring familiar items from home to your new location. Photos, plants, even stuffed animals help to give one a sense of continuity and ease the shock of a new environment.

4. Familiarize yourself with your new surroundings. Walk around. You will feel more in control if you know where buildings, classes and services are.

5. Invite people along to explore. Making friends is a big step to alleviating homesickness.

6. Keep in touch with people back home, but avoid telephoning. Write them reports of your activities and new experiences. Let them know you'd like to hear from them too.

7. Plan a date to go home and make arrangements. This often helps curtail impulsive returns and keeps you focused on your goals in staying.

8. Examine your expectations. We'd all like to be popular, well-dressed, well-organized, well-adjusted. Well, we're not. Setting a goal for perfection is the most predictable way of creating trouble for you. Laugh at your mistakes. You're learning.

9. Seek new opportunities. As scary as it is to see all new people, all those classes, all those buildings, all those choices, they will provide opportunities to meet people who like what you like, take classes that you're interested in and get involved in your favorite activity or try new ones.

10. Do something. Don't wait for it to go away by itself. Buried problems often emerge later disguised as headaches, fatigue, illness or lack of motivation.

Upper-classmen give their advice to first year students

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

"Don't be intimidated by upper-classmen." - **Sara Russell, senior**

"Make the most out of your freshman year--it's the best but it goes fast." - ***Jenn Hooks, junior***

"Get out of here before it's too late." - **Amy Balderach, senior**

"Relax, have fun, and get involved." - ***Inga Laurent, senior***

"Go to lunch and dinner really late." - **Erinn Coccia, junior**

"Get a car so you can drive places." - ***Shaun Babka, sophomore***

"Get involved and enjoy your four years because they go fast." - **Courtney Panik, senior**

"Participate in class, even if it kills you." - ***Rachel Stroupe, senior***

"Do something. Don't sit around your dorm all day, it's boring." - **Jim Brezel, sophomore**

"Go someplace else." - ***Jimm Needle, junior***

"Do not trust student affairs." - **Matt Kostovny, junior**

"Don't expect to get all of your classes." - ***Dave Dobbins, sophomore***

"If you are doing a paper, don't expect the system to work." - **R.J. Sperdute, sophomore**

"Watch out for kids in single rooms." - ***Aaron Loccisano, sophomore***

"For the Freshman girls: Don't wake up in Eich and Russell too often." - **Melissa Cooper, senior**

"Study hard. This ain't no party, this ain't no disco, this ain't no foolin' around" (borrowed from the Talking Heads). - ***Dr. Cohen, professor of Political Science***

"Don't worry if you don't have a major yet. Sometimes you don't know until the end of your sophomore year. By then you'll have taken a variety of classes in different subjects which helps arouse interests you may want to pursue." - **Jess Toy, senior**

Early training prepares RA's for new year

By Beth Staley
STAFF WRITER

On August 16th, I joined several students gathering around Lake Britain to begin Fall Training. No, we weren't preparing for football, volleyball or soccer season. As Resident Assistants, we were getting ready for life in Westminster's Residence Halls.

During RA training, I often crossed paths with other students who came here early to begin practicing in activities such as band or athletics. They were usually surprised to see me, so they asked me why I was on campus. When I told them that I was here for RA training, they looked a bit puzzled. Nonetheless, it's true that RA's not only arrive on campus early for training, but they also continue training throughout the school year.

After ice breakers and ice cream in the Amphitheater, we got down to work. This year, our training incorporated many new workshops and learning opportunities. Celia King, a guest speaker, spoke to the Residence Life Staff about building community. King's charisma motivated RA's to think seriously about building communities that are healthy, friendly and supportive.

Other speakers stressing the need to focus on strong communities were Dean Lechner and Kip Haas. While Lechner informed RA's about how to keep the campus in shape through safety and security issues, Haas introduced ways to keep students in shape through the new intramural sports program. This year, the intramural program hopes to attract more students interested in participating in sports even if they weren't MVP of their high school varsity teams. By talking to their RA's, students can get as much information as needed about safety and security concerns as well as the intramural program.

RA's also had the opportunity to attend various workshops on Small Group Communication, Listening Skills, Programming for Beginning and Experienced RA's, Counseling, Being a Resource, and many other topics. The purpose of these workshops was to offer RA's information and ideas for tackling their duties successfully. Such duties include programming, roommate mediation, enforcing policies and the big one: building community.

Finally, in order to test and teach the RA's about dealing with important Residence Hall issues, training included a series of sessions called "Behind Closed Doors." During these sessions, RA's practiced dealing with certain situations that could arise throughout the year. "Behind Closed Doors" helped RA's learn how to help residents who may want advice concerning personal matters, to confront residents who are breaking policy, and to deal with protocol for emergencies.

Finally, just as Fall RA training came to a close and everyone finished filling out Room Condition Forms, decorating bulletin boards, and pulling keys, move-in day arrived, and RA's watched the campus come alive. All of that training came in handy because move-in day was not only crazy and chaotic, but was also an opportunity to start getting to know residents.

At this point, it's hard to believe that not too long ago this campus was quiet, empty, and even a bit lonely. For RA's, the beginning of the year is marked by anticipation and preparation, and after the Residence Halls have filled up, all of those goals for community building have been gaining real momentum.

First year students survive Titan Traverse

By Beth Staley
STAFF WRITER

During Fresh Start, 369 first year students experienced Titan Trayerse. They were split into teams according to the Inquiry Section they will take this semester. The purpose of Titan Traverse activities was to help them become familiar and comfortable with each other so they can engage themselves in a learning environment.

Steve Montgomery, the Titan Traverse program director, and Joy Barron, the assistant director, introduced themselves to the freshmen and challenged them to really get to know one another during the course of their college experience.

After a couple of warm-up activities designed to include everyone, 14 student facilitators and a couple of outside facilitators worked closely with the students in their small teams. Saturday, Aug. 25 was a beautiful day, so the Titan Traverse site was a perfect location for the students to begin working together.

Student Facilitator Sara Russell enjoyed her time spent with the first year students. "It was neat," she said, "to watch first year students who were thrown together become a group of students who knew more about themselves and each other."

Facilitators described three different zones that people can experience during Titan Traverse: the green, the yellow and the red zone. In the green zone, people don't do anything that they wouldn't normally do. In the yellow zone, people step out of their comfort level to take risks that will help broaden their experiences and perspectives. The yellow zone is a place of growth. The red zone, however, is a danger zone. In the red zone, people take dangerous risks they cannot handle. Overall, Titan Traverse facilitators asked students to enter the yellow zone by communicating honestly and playing an active role in the planned activities.

The Titan Traverse activities were geared to challenge students physically, mentally and emotionally. Following various activities, the students would talk about what kinds of thoughts and feelings they experienced. After Titan Traverse, most students felt more confident about speaking up and working together.

Titan Traverse Facilitator Matt Scholl appreciated welcoming new students to college through Titan Traverse. "It was rewarding," he explained, "to have the opportunity to be a part of the first year students' earliest experiences of Westminster community." Scholl added, "I enjoyed watching the first year students grow as they learn to own their experiences as incoming students."

If other organizations are interested in building group unity, Titan Traverse is an effective and fun program to participate in. Titan Traverse opportunities can be arranged by calling the Titan Traverse office at EXT. 7214. Also, for more information, the Titan Traverse webpage can be accessed from the Westminster Homepage.

SGA makes plans for the coming school year

The Student Government Association met for the first time this past Wednesday and began to plan for the coming year.

The Campus Programming Committee and SGA are currently selling tickets for the All-Campus Gateway Clipper Cruise. This is one of the largest events being held this year. The boat will sail on Friday, Sept. 21 from 10:30 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Signups will be held throughout the next weeks at the cafeteria and in the TUB.

Because of scheduling conflicts, there are senators who can no longer attend meetings, and therefore, re-elections will be held at next week's meeting. Anyone interested can contact a present SGA member or contact the SGA at EXT. x6305.

Office hours for the Executive Council and Committee Chairs will be established next week. The new SGA offices are located on the third floor of Patterson Hall. Office Hours are times that students can approach the SGA about any questions or concerns.

The Senate discussed the possibility of improving the path around the lake.

It was also mentioned that the SGA could look into improving the path between Eichenauer and the Field House. Because a number of male students use this path to get to class, an improvement would be appreciated.

Thanks are sent out to all people who participated in Volleyrock last May. It was the most successful one ever.

Any student who has a suggestion for a local band that could come to Westminster is encouraged to contact the SGA at EXT. x6305. The CPC is currently planning their events for the year, and they would appreciate any ideas.

Freshman senators need to turn in all SGA applications by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7. These can be turned into the mailroom, and all students will then be placed on the ballot. There are 12 positions on the Senate, and elections will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 10 and 11 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Executive council and Senate will be available at designated times to listen to concerns of students. The SGA is debating about spending some time at each Residence Hall, so that they can work to improve our campus. More information will be available soon.

The Special Events Committee is in the process of planning the Homecoming pep rally and other events for this year. There will be the Powderpuff game as always, and each class is encouraged to organize their team.

Although the annual "Kiss a Pig" contest is probably not going to be held, the SGA is in the process of planning something else.

Throughout the year, the SGA will be addressing concerns about the campus center. Also being planned is a trip to Pittsburgh to see Les Miserables.

And, as always, students are welcome and encouraged to attend the weekly SGA meetings held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Phillip's Lecture Hall located in Hoyt.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Penn State freshman hangs self in prison cell

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) _ A Penn State freshman jailed on charges that he let himself into women's rooms in a dormitory and indecently touched women while they were sleeping hanged himself in his cell on Monday night.

Timothy M. Kulp, 18, of Pottstown, was found at about 11:30 p.m. hanging from a noose fashioned from his shoelaces. He was taken to Centre Community Hospital and pronounced dead shortly past midnight by county Coroner Scott Sayers, who ruled the death a suicide.

Kulp had been imprisoned at the Centre County Prison since Sunday when he was arrested on charges that he crawled into bed with three women after sneaking into their rooms.

Warden David Immel said Kulp was being checked every hour after a counselor evaluated him earlier in the day.

The counselor concluded that "... He wasn't a threat to himself, but that we could check on him from time to time," Immel said. "He was not under any suicide watch."

He was last seen alive at about 10:35 p.m., sitting on his bed.

Immel said the staff at the time "did everything they could" to save Kulp's life. First they cut Kulp down from metal slats covering the window. When they found a weak pulse, they inserted a device in his mouth to help him breathe again.

"I commend my staff," Immel said. "They're devastated. They really thought they might have gotten him in time. I'm trying to get in touch with all of them now because I think they need to go through some type of debriefing and counseling. It's a shock to everyone."

In a criminal complaint filed with the court, police said Kulp told investigators that he had stumbled into the school's Mifflin Hall after getting drunk and high at a fraternity party.

The case is still under investigation.

District Justice Ronald Horner had ordered Kulp held on $35,000 bail on charges of indecent assault, harassment, trespassing, burglary and attempted burglary. Kulp had been due back in court Wednesday.

Tysen Kendig, a spokesman for Penn State, said Kulp was starting his first full semester but was not new to campus. He had been enrolled in a six-week summer session and hoped to major in communications.

The school had no further details on the circumstances surrounding his death.

"We don't have a lot of details available to us right now. It's obviously a tragedy, and the university has heartfelt concern for his family and his parents," Kendig said.

IUP fraternity brothers charged in near-lethal attack on rivals

INDIANA, Pa. (AP) A Somerset County man has been charged with attempted murder following a break-in and beating last December at an Indiana University of Pennsylvania fraternity.

Police say Michael Walker, 19, of Windber, was among of group of men that broke into the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity house on Dec. 9 and beat Erie native Shad Connelly and John Higgins of Levittown.

Walker is also charged with eight other counts, including conspiracy, burglary and rioting. In addition, police charged Walker's brothers, Brett Walker, 24, and Justin Walker, 20, with conspiracy to commit attempted homicide and related offenses.

In all, nine people have been charged in the attack that police say was retaliation for an earlier fight between rival fraternities. The attackers apparently believed that a Phi Kappa Tau fraternity member had hit someone in the head with a beer bottle, but police said neither Connelly nor Higgins were involved.

A splinter entered Connelly's septum and lodged in his brain when he was hit on the head with an unidentified wooden object. Doctors at UPMC-Pittsburgh removed the splinter and Connelly, who is the son of Erie County Judge Shad Connelly, is still receiving treatment for the near-lethal injury, police said.

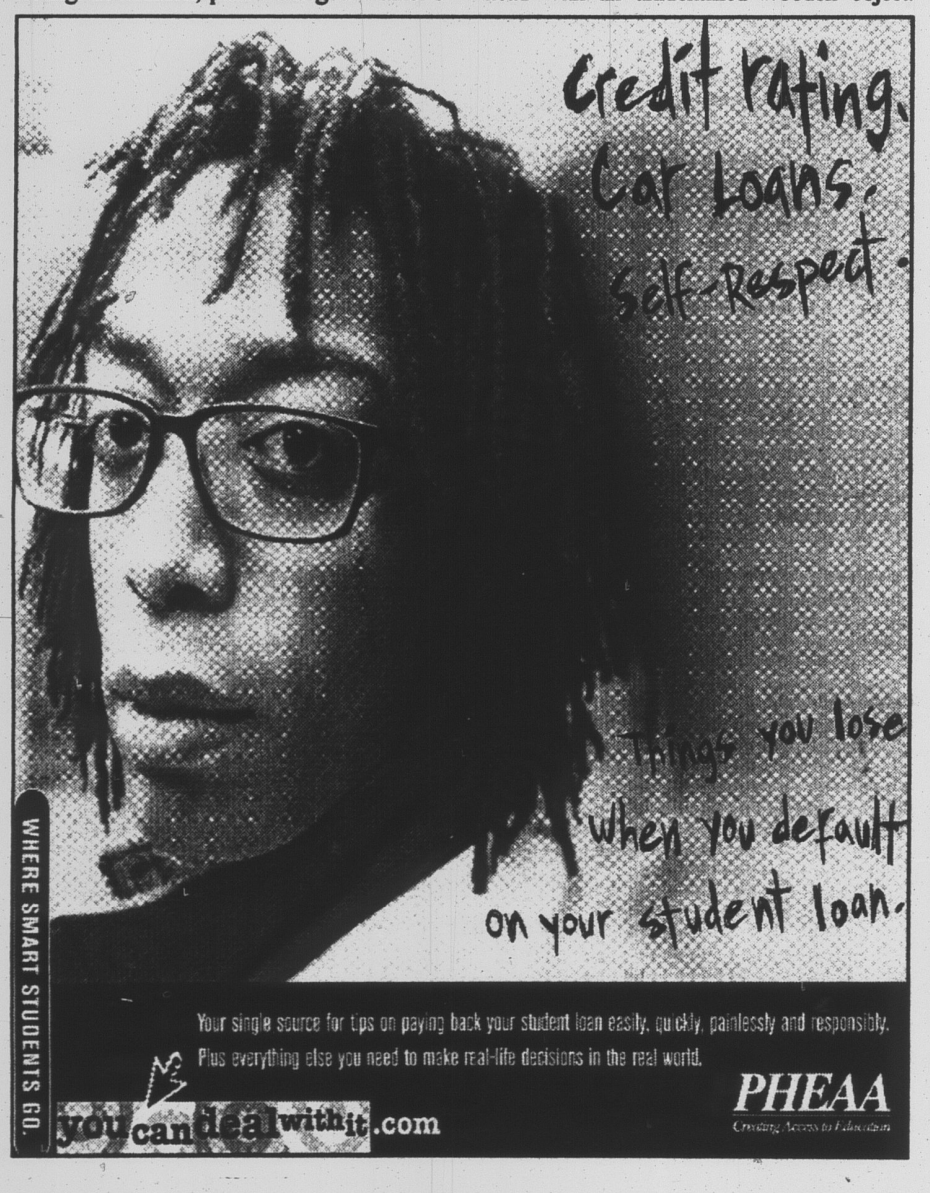
Higgins sustained minor injuries.

Police arrested six other men in January. Matt Keenhold of Wind Gap was charged with conspiracy to commit attempted homicide. Luke DeBoer of Wind Gap, Justin Holland of Reading, Eric Penick of Lititz, Brad Swisher of Mill Hall, and Andre Whittaker of Harrisburg were charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated assault.

The six waived their rights to a preliminary hearing and have agreed to help prosecutors, according to police.

The Walkers were implicated by the other men in January, but investigators waited until Monday to arrest them. In July, blood that was found at the scene was tested and found to be that of Brett Walker's, according to police.

The Walkers surrendered to authorities Friday morning with their attorney and were released on bail. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Sept. 26.



Pittsburgh man hospitalized after failed suicide attempt

PITTSBURGH (AP) A man who said he strangled his girlfriend after a failed plan to commit suicide using OxyContin was ordered to undergo a 90-day psychiatric evaluation at a court hearing Tuesday.

Thomas Sowash, 54, faces charges of criminal homicide in the death of Karen Nesbitt, 53, of Penn Township, Westmoreland County.

Nesbitt was found dead next to Sowash in his apartment last week. Sowash had overdosed on a mixture of heart medication and OxyContin and was found unconscious.

An autopsy reports shows Nesbitt also had a large quantity of OxyContin in her system.

Sowash said he and Nesbitt made a suicide pact because they had severe financial problems. He said when the two became nauseous after ingesting a mixture of OxyContin and heart medication, Nesbitt asked him to kill her.

"What we decided to do together - we're just going to end all the problems right there," he said Tuesday.

Sowash was ordered to spend 90 days in Mayview State Hospital before his next court hearing.

NATIONAL

Singer/actor Aaliyah mourned at fairy tale funeral

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
AP MUSIC WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) Aaliyah Dana Haughton's life seemed like a fairy tale: She was beautiful, talented, and was building a successful career in music and film.

So fans found it fitting that Aaliyah, who died in a plane crash last Saturday, received a fairy-tale send-off: Her casket was carried through the street Friday in a glass-paneled carriage drawn by two cream-colored horses.

After the funeral, 22 white doves-one for each year of her life-were released into the sky.

"I think that's a very nice way to send her to heaven,"said Darren Murray, 31, one of hundreds of fans who stood behind police barricades to watch Aaliyah's funeral procession outside of St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Murray held a sign that read, "Your love and your music will always live in our hearts."

Aaliyah and eight other people were killed when a private plane carrying them crashed shortly after it left the Bahamas. She had been in the Bahamas working on a video for her new self-titled album, released last month. The crash is under investigation.

Fans of all ages began gathering near the church on Thursday night; by the time the funeral began, at 10 a.m., about 1,000 people had crowded into a two-block radius, hoping to get a glimpse of Aaliyah's coffin.

India Collins, from Manhattan, came after she got off work Thursday at 10:30 p.m.

"I just wanted to see her for the last time, and I love her," she said. "Whatever I can see of her, last memories, that's what brought me here."

The funeral Mass itself was private. Among the celebrities attending were Gladys Knight, who was married to Aaliyah's uncle; rapper Jay-Z; her musical collaborators Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott and Timbaland; Mike Tyson; Sean "P. Diddy" Combs; singers Usher and Mya; "Matrix" producer Joel Silver; Hype Williams, who directed Aaliyah's last video; and actor Delroy Lindo, who played Aaliyah's father in her movie debut, "Romeo Must Die."

Lindo was among about 100 mourners, including Aaliyah's mother and brother, who walked behind the coffin as it made its way from Frank E. Campbell's funeral home to the church, about three blocks away. Campbell's is known for celebrity funerals, from Judy Garland and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to John Lennon and rapper Christopher Wallace, better known as the Notorious B.I.G.

During the hour-long service, fans outside sang some of Aaliyah's songs: At one point, a sports utility vehicle drove down the block blasting her current hit, "We Need a Resolution."

By the time the 10 pallbearers carried the casket out of the church, fans were in the midst of their own mini-concert: They serenaded her casket with the title track to her second album, "One In A Million," singing, "Aaliyah, you're one in a million!"

Just after the casket was loaded into a black hearse, Aaliyah's tearful mother, Diane, opened a white box trimmed with lace: A single dove was released, and she broke down in tears again.

Then the other 21 doves were released. Knight was visibly shaken, and others walked over to hug Aaliyah's mother.

"I thought it was beautiful and fit for a princess, and I just broke down and started crying," said fan April Debourg, 32, of Harlem. "I feel sorry for her mom."

Debourg had written a poem entitled "Most Exalted One" -the meaning of Aaliyah's name- and was wearing a T-shirt bearing Aaliyah's image and the date of her death. "She just touched me," she said. "I love her music, I love her style."

After the procession, fans lingered, reminiscing.

Patricia Bailey, a Maryland resident, was vacationing in Long Island but took time out to come to the funeral. "She was an asset to so many young people, and older (people) as well," said the 46-year-old.

"I haven't slept all night," said Nima Cohran, 21. "I was at home, but I couldn't go to sleep, and I haven't really slept since it happened. I've been taping everything on the news...I want to get every piece of her."

A public memorial service at a midtown restaurant was to include a continuous loop of Aaliyah's videos, performances and music.

Buchanan nominated for United States attorney

By Claude R. Marx
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) Mary Beth Buchanan, a federal prosecutor who specializes in child exploitation and bank fraud cases, was nominated Tuesday to be United States attorney for western Pennsylvania.

Buchanan, an assistant U.S. attorney since 1988, would be the chief federal prosecutor for the office which has jurisdiction over 25 counties. Her nomination by President Bush must be confirmed by the Senate.

She was traveling on Tuesday and unavailable for comment.

Buchanan has prosecuted all of the cases of the Western Pennsylvania Crimes Against Children Task Force, a Pittsburgh-based group that joins law enforcement agencies to crack down on computer-involved child pornography cases.

In 2000, she obtained a guilty plea of a former high school basketball coach on child pornography charges.

David Scott Zimmerman, a former coach at Vincentian Academy in Pittsburgh, pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography after police found 10 images of child pornography in his home.

The same year, Buchanan obtained guilty pleas from two Duqesne University basketball players in a check and bank debit card scheme that netted $35,961. The students conspired to buy bank debit cards and blank personal checks from fellow Duquesne University students. The checks were used to make fake deposits to PNC Bank accounts; the debit cards were used to buy money orders and withdraw money.

Buchanan, 38, earned her bachelors degree from California University of Pennsylvania and her law degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She was an attorney in private practice in Pittsburgh for two years before joining the United States attorney's office in Pittsburgh.

She was named by Bush at the recommendation of Sens. Rick Santorum and Arlen Specter, both Pennsylvania Republicans. She would succeed interim U.S. Attorney Linda Kelly, who has had the job since April.

Former U.S. Attorney Harry Litman, who was appointed by former President Clinton, held the position for three years before resigning in April.

Shark attacks off the Outer Banks

(U-WIRE) -- Tropical Storm Erin, the fifth of the 2001 Atlantic hurricane season, was gaining strength and Officials will begin aerial patrols over North Carolina's Outer Banks shortly after daybreak on Tuesday checking for sharks a day after a swimmer was killed and his companion critically injured in the second fatal shark attack of the U.S. Labor Day holiday weekend.

The couple was attacked on Monday as they swam in waist-deep water covering a sandbar about 20-40 feet off the beach near Avon, a remote town on North Carolina's Outer Banks barrier islands, Dare County emergency spokeswoman Dorothy Toolan said.

"It appears that it was a shark attack. It's difficult to confirm because no one that we talked to actually saw the shark," she said. "We're going to start flyovers around 7:00 in the morning, and those will last throughout the day, just looking for any unusual (shark) migrations."

The beaches along the Outer Banks, a popular vacation destination featuring miles of dune-covered beaches and national parklands, remained open after the attack, the first reported here this summer.

The victim, who was 27 years old, was pronounced dead on arrival at a medical center on Hatteras Island.

His 22-year-old companion was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Norfolk, Virginia, where she was in critical but stable condition after undergoing surgery for wounds suffered in the attack, a hospital emergency room physician told reporters.

A surgeon at the hospital later said the woman had lost her left foot to the shark and suffered wounds across her left flank.

"She will require skin grafting ... to get these defects closed, but right now we don't want to close them because they're subject to infection," said doctor Jeffrey Riblet of Eastern Virginia Hospital in Norfolk.

The incident was the second fatal shark attack along the U.S. eastern coast over the Labor Day holiday weekend, the unofficial end of the summer vacation season.

—National Briefs

Janet Reno to Run for Florida Governor

(U-WIRE) -- Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno will open a fund-raising account on Tuesday, formally kicking off her campaign for Florida governor.

A friend was to file the paperwork at state offices in Tallahassee on Tuesday morning, Reno's spokeswoman Julie Simon said.

"The papers are being filed," Simon said, confirming Reno's candidacy.

If Reno, 63, wins the Democratic nomination, she would face Republican Gov. Jeb Bush, younger brother of President Bush, in an epic battle for control of the nation's fourth most populous state.

Reno, a Miami native, returned home this year after nearly eight years as the Clinton administration's top law enforcement official and the only woman to serve as U.S. attorney general.

Bush Poised for Budget Battle

(U-WIRE) -- President George W. Bush has expressed his resolve to push to implement his budget priorities when Congress resumes. Mr Bush is looking for tax cuts worth $1.35tr (GBP928bn) spread over ten years and an increase in the defense budget amounting to $18.4bn. However, Democrats led by Tom Daschle in the Senate and by Richard Gephardt in the Lower House, are expected to strongly oppose Mr. Bush's spending plans.

Hewlett-Packard Buying Compaq for $25B

(U-WIRE) -- High-tech giant Hewlett-Packard Co. is buying Compaq Computer Corp. for about $25 billion in a blockbuster merger bringing together two rivals struggling to survive amid the batted computer industry. The stock swap announced Monday night creates a behemoth with 130,000 employees and $87 billion in revenue - about the size of IBM Corp. - with products not only in the personal computer business but also in computer servers, printers and high-tech services. Compaq and HP are Nos. two and four in worldwide PC sales, but their combined total would surpass leader Dell Computer Corp., according to the most recent figures from Gartner Dataquest. Compaq ranks first in worldwide server sales, while HP is fourth.

Polygamist Sentenced

PROVO, Utah (AP) Self-proclaimed polygamist Tom Green will not be allowed to leave prison to help prepare his appeal.

On Aug. 24 Green, 53, was sentenced to spend up to five years in prison. He had been convicted of four counts of bigamy and one count of failure to pay child support.

Tuesday, Green asked 4th District Judge Guy Burningham to allow him out of prison pending the appeal. He also asked for a new trial.

Burningham rejected both requests.

Polygamy is an open secret in Utah and elsewhere in the West, where there are about 30,000 people practicing plural marriage. But Green practically dared prosecutors to go after him by appearing on TV talk shows such as Sally Jessy Raphael's and Queen Latifah's to discuss his "original Mormonism."

INTERNATIONAL

World Conference on racism will not isolate Israel

By Dina Kraft
ASSOCIATE PRESS WRITER

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) The European Union has given a working group a deadline of Wednesday evening for making progress in efforts to remove anti-Israel language from the World Conference Against Racism's proposed declaration.

Controversy over efforts to condemn Israel for its "racist policies" has threatened the success of the conference, which was meant to highlight discrimination around the world. The United States and Israel left Monday after efforts to find a compromise with Arab states leading the efforts to condemn Israel failed.

Several delegations, anxious to salvage the meeting, worked on a compromise text.

A working group of South Africans and Belgians-representing the European Union-as well as delegates from Norway, Namibia and the Palestinians, worked through the night Tuesday and hoped to have a compromise draft ready by Wednesday evening, a Belgian spokesman said.

The group was considering new language drafted by South Africa, the host country of the conference.

Olivier Alsteens, a spokesman for Belgian Foreign Minister Louis Michel, said Tuesday that the EU wanted results from the talks within 24 hours.

"After 24 hours we will evaluate if there is an opportunity for agreement," Alsteens said. "If the negotiations are not finished at that time and we see that there is an opportunity for agreement, we will go further."

The dispute over the wording of the Mideast section has sidelined attention on other issues at the U.N. conference.

Citing the renewed push to find a solution, U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson insisted the conference had not been derailed. She said references to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict were temporarily removed from the document while the South Africans formulated substitute language.

"There is a good sense that we are back on course," said Robinson, who organized the meeting.

In the original text, Israel is the only nation singled out for condemnation. Among the sticking points were references to the "racist practice of Zionism," and description of the movement to establish and maintain a Jewish state as an ideology "based on racial superiority."

The EU said it was committed to making progress on the Mideast section of the declaration.

However, if headway is not made, countries disagreeing with the language could still reject particular sections while accepting the rest.

Police attempt to restore order after Protestant/Catholic conflict

(U-WIRE) -- Terrified Roman Catholic schoolgirls clung to their parents Monday as riot police held back crowds of angry Protestants trying to keep them from walking to school through their neighborhood on the first day of classes.

The confrontation in Ireland provoked clashes throughout the day, with violence building after dark as rival mobs of Protestant and Catholic men attacked police and some of each community's homes.

The day's tensions began in Ardoyne, a mostly Catholic district, where police wielding clubs, shields and attack dogs drove back Protestants who were trying to block a road outside a Catholic elementary school. A Catholic mother was hit in the face with a bottle and hospitalized.

Most of the pupils - girls as young as four wearing brand-new red uniforms - were sent home early, in tears, from Holy Cross Primary School. A fleet of Catholic-run black taxis ferried them past lines of police with helmets and shields, while many of the Protestants shouted curses and insults.

"This looks like Alabama in the '60s," said Brendan Mailey, leader of a Catholic parents group that refused to use a rear entrance and insisted on using the front door of the school, which lies in the small Protestant section of Ardoyne.

"It's beyond my worst nightmare," said the Rev. Aidan Troy, a Catholic priest who was appointed governor of the school during the summer vacation break. "The abuse I heard was unbelievable. It was one of the most savage experiences of my life."

At a school meeting Monday night, Troy urged about 150 Catholic parents to use the rear entrance to the school in coming days. The most hard-line parents rejected that option during previous confrontations in June, and before the meeting said they didn't want to buckle to Protestant threats. Protestants have not challenged Catholics using the rear entrance.

Local Protestants said that they were responding to Catholic attacks on their neighborhood, which is separated from the Catholic part of the district by high metal fences. Houses on both sides have been attacked in recent months with stones, gasoline and pipe bombs and even bursts of gunfire, prompting many residents to abandon their homes indefinitely.

That pattern resumed Monday night in Ardoyne and several other areas of north Belfast. Police said two bursts of gunfire were directed at their positions between rival Protestant and Catholic groups in Ardoyne, though they weren't sure which side was firing. Nobody was reported hit.

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—International Briefs

Thailand sentences 17 drug traffickers to death

(U-WIRE) -- Bangkok Criminal Court on Friday sentenced 17 convicted drug traffickers, including two 19-year-olds, to death, news reports said.

The court heard six drug cases involving 18 Thai nationals on Friday, and found 17 of the accused guilty, sentencing them all to capital punishment, said Thai TV Channel Three. One of the defendants was found not guilty.

Among those sentenced to death were two Thais who were only 18 years old when they were arrested last year for possession of 400,000 methamphetamine pills. Despite their youth, the court sentenced both men to death on the grounds that they had operated a huge drug-trafficking network.

Thailand has this year carried out nine executions, of which seven were convicted drug traffickers.

Netherlands court rejects Milosevic plea

(U-WIRE) -- A Netherlands court rejected on Friday a plea by former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic to be released immediately from custody of the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

The district court in The Hague said there was no doubt about the legal basis of the U.N. tribunal and that the Dutch court had no jurisdiction to rule on his custody.

The Netherlands had formally transferred its jurisdiction over persons being held by the tribunal to the latter and therefore Milosevic should lodge his plea for release with the tribunal.

Lawyers for 60-year-old Milosevic had based their demands on an assertion that the tribunal had been set up not by the United Nations General Assembly, but by the 15-member U.N. Security Council.

This was countered by lawyers for the Netherlands who said the U.N. Security Council could set up the tribunal as it routinely acts in the name of all the General Assembly states.

Milosevic faces a whole range of war crimes charges before the U.N. tribunal before which he made a second appearance on Thursday, continuing to refuse to recognize its authority.

Russian Nazi-era slaves receive compensation

(U-WIRE) -- The first compensation payments to Russians forced to work as wartime slave laborers by Nazi-era Germany were made in Moscow on Friday.

"Please accept the money as a sign of goodwill on the part of Germany," said Michael Jansen, chairman of the German foundation responsible for distributing a 4.5-billion-dollar compensation package to over a million surviving ex-Nazi slaves worldwide.

Some 10 former concentration camp inmates were present at the brief ceremony in Moscow.

A total of 400,000 Russians are entitled to compensation, according to estimates by the Kremlin. The first 2,000 were due to receive payments on Friday.

Former concentration camp inmates will initially receive 7,500 marks (3,480 dollars) as the first half of their compensation allowance.

Russia is the last country in eastern Europe to begin making the payments.

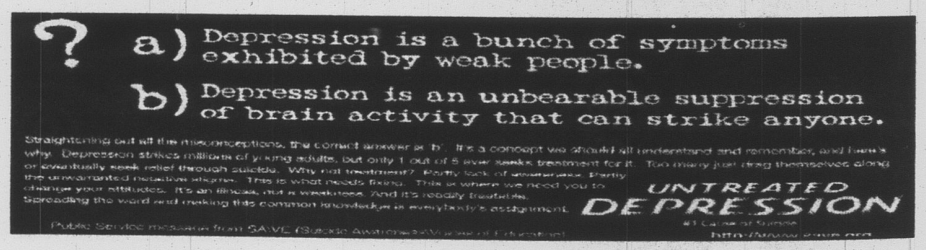
Posh Spice pelted with fruit at concert

LEICESTER, England (AP) -- Listeners threw fruit and vegetables at her during a concert, but Victoria Beckham, the performer known as Posh Spice, says she really can sing.

"Singing live is something that I will do and is something that I feel I have to do to prove to everybody I can sing," she told Britain's GMTV. Beckham was pelted with apples and onions during a Sunday concert sponsored by British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

It wasn't clear why the audience members threw the produce. Beckham did not appear to have been hit, but several of the dancers on stage with her had to dodge the flying objects.

She revealed in recently published excerpts from her autobiography that she has been obsessed with dieting.



SPORTS

Division III change raises questions about participation

By Adriann Popovich
STAFF WRITER

The 2001-2002 academic year marks the college's Sesquicentennial, which celebrates 150 years of college history. This year also marks the college's third and final year of its reclassification process from NCAA Division II to Division III status.

What does this mean exactly?

According to Athletic Director Jim Dafler, the main difference in divisions is that, "A Division III College is not allowed to award scholarships for athletic purposes."

Those unfamiliar with the classification of divisions may be questioning how this affects varsity sports.

"The move back to Division III is very positive for the college. Without the availability of athletic scholarships, the focus on academics is stronger and more student athletes have the opportunity to participate in varsity sports. Another benefit is that many of the other colleges in our region are also Division III schools which gives us an opportunity for some friendly rivalry," Dafler said.

So, has this reclassification affected the varsity sports teams or is it still too early in the process to tell?

According to the athletic department's records over the past two years, there has been a significantly large jump in the number of students participating in varsity sports. This year's football team alone has a roster that contains almost 40 freshman names, which is the most recorded in several years. According to Dafler, both men's and women's sports are growing at a fast pace.

However, Dafler states that this rapid growth of the athletes cannot be attributed strictly to the change in divisions.

"Each year the number of incoming first year students gets larger, which is obviously going to have an effect on the size of organizations on campus."

According to records from the sports information, approximately 34% of the first year students are on the rosters to play sports for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Fifty-eight percent of first year males have signed up to play a varsity sport during the academic year.

Head Football Coach, Jerry Schmitt, is looking forward to a new season with a larger team.

"We are happy to have more players that we can utilize in games and in practice situations to help better the team," Schmitt said.

With the dramatic increase in the number of participants in varsity sports it is possible that the number of sports offered will also increase. This year women's golf and women's track are two new sports added to the spring schedules.

Cross country off to a great start at the Fisher Invitational

By Lindsey E. Braem
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Westminster men's and women's cross country teams started their 2001 season at the Fisher Invitational, held here on campus. The women's team placed a strong third out of the seven teams competing. The men's team was second in an eight-team field.

Lady Titan senior Desiree Henry captured her first collegiate individual race title, finishing the five-kilometer race in 19:50.

Other top individual finishers for Westminster included sophomore Sara Ialongo who placed 16th, junior Kelly Schmidt who finished 23rd, freshman Felice Reed who was 32nd, and senior Beth Butcheri who placed 41st.

It was Geneva College who came out on top for the women and captured the team title. They had a score of 24, placing five runners in the top seven finishers.

"I think we are going to have a good team this year. The new girls are adding to an already powerful team. Although we were not on the original course and only had a chance to practice on it the day before, I think that we overcame this with a strong third place finish," Henry said about the Lady Titans' performance.

Senior Jacob Gleason was the men's team's top finisher, placing third with a time of 26:23 on the eight-kilometer course. Also receiving top honors was senior Scott Fabry in 10th place, junior Dan Beckwith who placed 13th, freshman Brad Zerbe who finished 14th, and sophomore Sean Gallagher who placed 18th.

Alderson-Broaddus College won the team title with four runners placing in the top five.

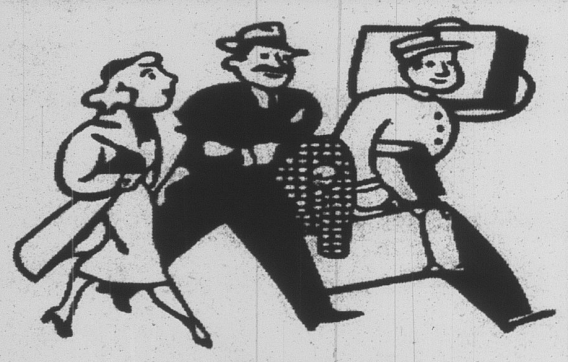
"We had an excellent team effort. I am definitely looking forward to a successful season," co-captain Fabry said about Saturday's meet.

"I am very pleased about the team's performance. And although we placed third overall, it was an extremely close race," Men's Coach Ron Galbreath said.

Galbreath seems optimistic about the remainder of the season.

"We are off to a good start."

The Westminster women's cross country team will be racing at the Thiel Invitational in Greenville on Saturday, and the men's team will compete at the Allegheny Invitational in Meadville.



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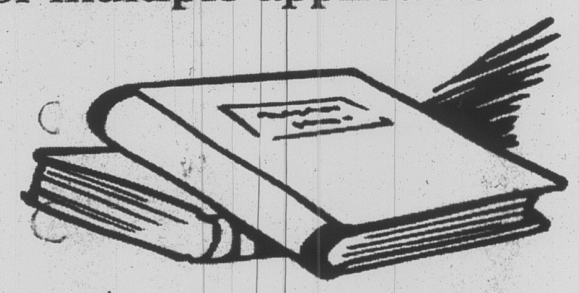

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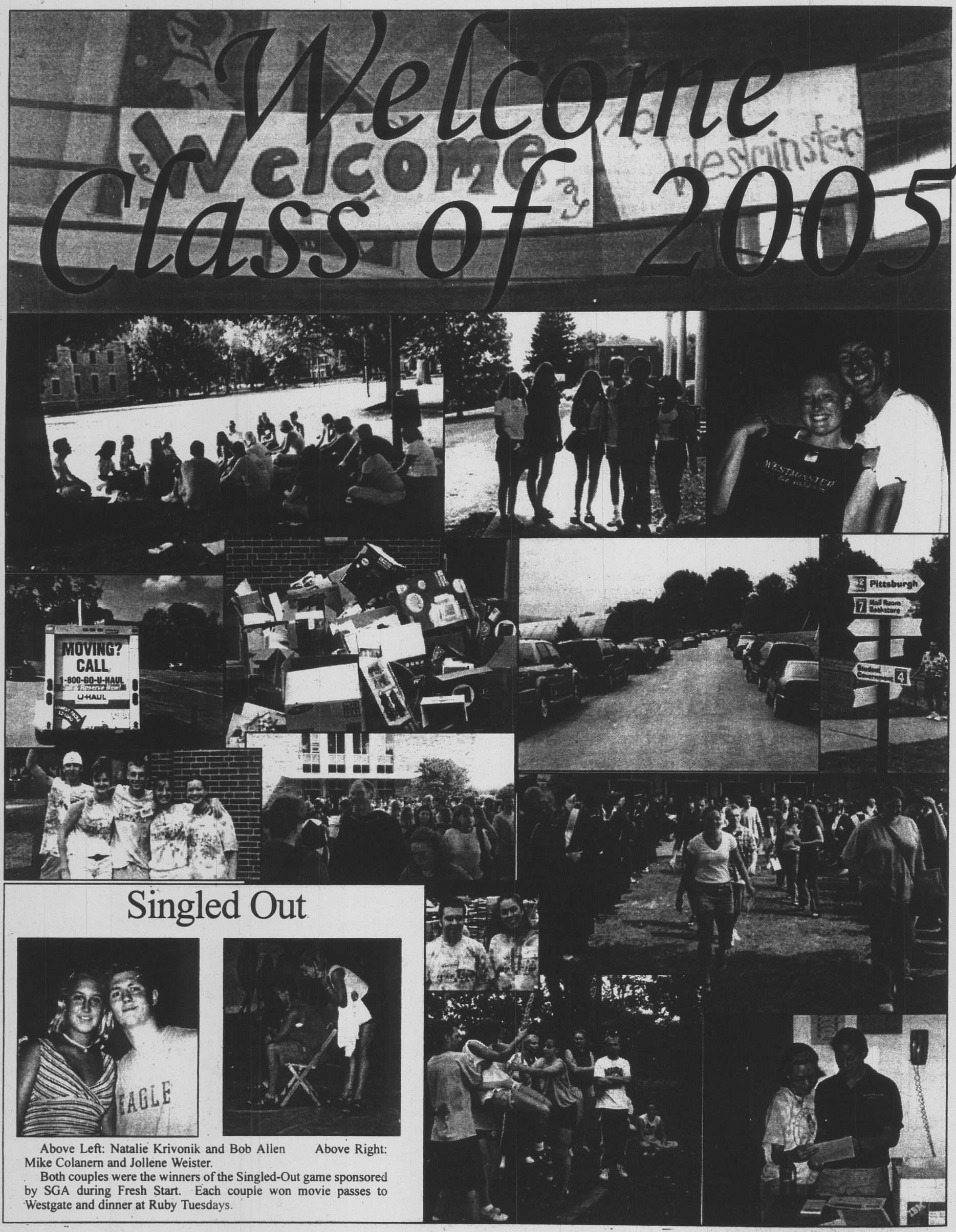

Singled Out

Above Left: Natalie Krivonik and Bob Allen Above Right: Mike Colanern and Jollene Weister.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Hooray for the people who moved the mailroom and bookstore."

"In my next life I want to be nasal spray."

"Has anyone noticed the pizza in the TUB is the pizza from the cafeteria, only bigger?"

"What is this Otis Spunkmeyer? Am I supposed to be impressed?"

"I'm so happy to be back at school. I missed everyone."

"I hate having to walk halfway around the world just to get to class."

"Can I get a yogurt and a salad at the TUB without going five cents over? And if I get a glass of water I pay another five cents for the freakin' cup!"

"I'm a senior. Ha ha ha."

"So what do you guys do for fun around here...seriously, what do you do?"

"I think they actually sent someone into my room over the summer to create more room damages."

"The cafeteria isn't cozy enough for me, maybe we should add more tables and high school band students."

"Why does the pseudo-TUB have no bathrooms?"

"Is that snake in the Biology department alive?"

"Why is the only thing in the soda fountain in the TUB iced tea?"

"I seem to have some sort of 'bug colony' in my dorm room. I get a lot of ants and wasps."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not endorse or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: HOROSCOPES

It has recently been brought to our attention that horoscopes do not belong in a college newspaper.

This week we received an AP article clipped from the Sharon *Herald* with sections marked in red concerning the scientfic value of astrology and its place in an institute of higher learning.

This article entitled "Ariz. astrology gets star treatment with accreditation," detailed the accreditation given to this school that teaches students to write horoscopes.

While this particular article seems to have no bearing on the proceedings of our school, it has been suggested to us that horoscopes have no place in a college newspaper.

Neil deGrasse Tyson, an astrophysicist at the Hayden Planetarium in New York was quoted in the article as saying, "And part of knowing how to think is knowing how the laws of nature shape the world around us. Without that knowledge, without that capacity to think, you can easily become a victim of people who seek to take advantage of you."

This quote can be interpreted two ways. First, by printing horoscopes in our paper we are teaching people something that many believe is scientifically wrong. Second, that by advocating horoscopes we are helping people become victims to those who write the horoscopes.

We believe we are doing neither.

For years we have been running horoscopes of a general and entertaining nature. This feature column is intended only to entertain, hence its placement on the entertainment page. The horoscopes appear beside the crossword puzzle, another amusement to be found on this page.

The horoscopes are pulled from a legitimate news source, so they are real for those who consider horoscopes to be more serious.

This feature column is intended only to entertain, hence its placement on the entertainment page.

We, however, print them because we think they are amusing to read and there is a demand for them. We print them for the same reasons we print the crossword puzzle and the weekly cartoon. None of these are meant to be educational. We cannot, however, be responsible for anyone who decides to follow the advice of the horoscopes explicitly. We do not feel anyone should change their lives based on information found in the horoscope...or the cartoon or crossword puzzle for that matter.

Horoscopes may be looked at as a form of advice. Those we include in the paper generally promote people to adopt a more upbeat and productive attitude--something that does not seem altogether harmful if followed out.

While we try to include as much hard news as possible, there is a constant demand for "fun" and "easy-to-read" material. We do not encourage laziness or aversion to local and global awareness, but we do wish to add some enjoyable features to our publication.

We apologize to anyone who is offended by our decision to include horoscopes in the paper for entertainment purposes. Our advice is simply this: If anything offends, please skip over it. Also, for those offended by this weekly feature, we advise you skip over our A&E editor's psychic review this week.

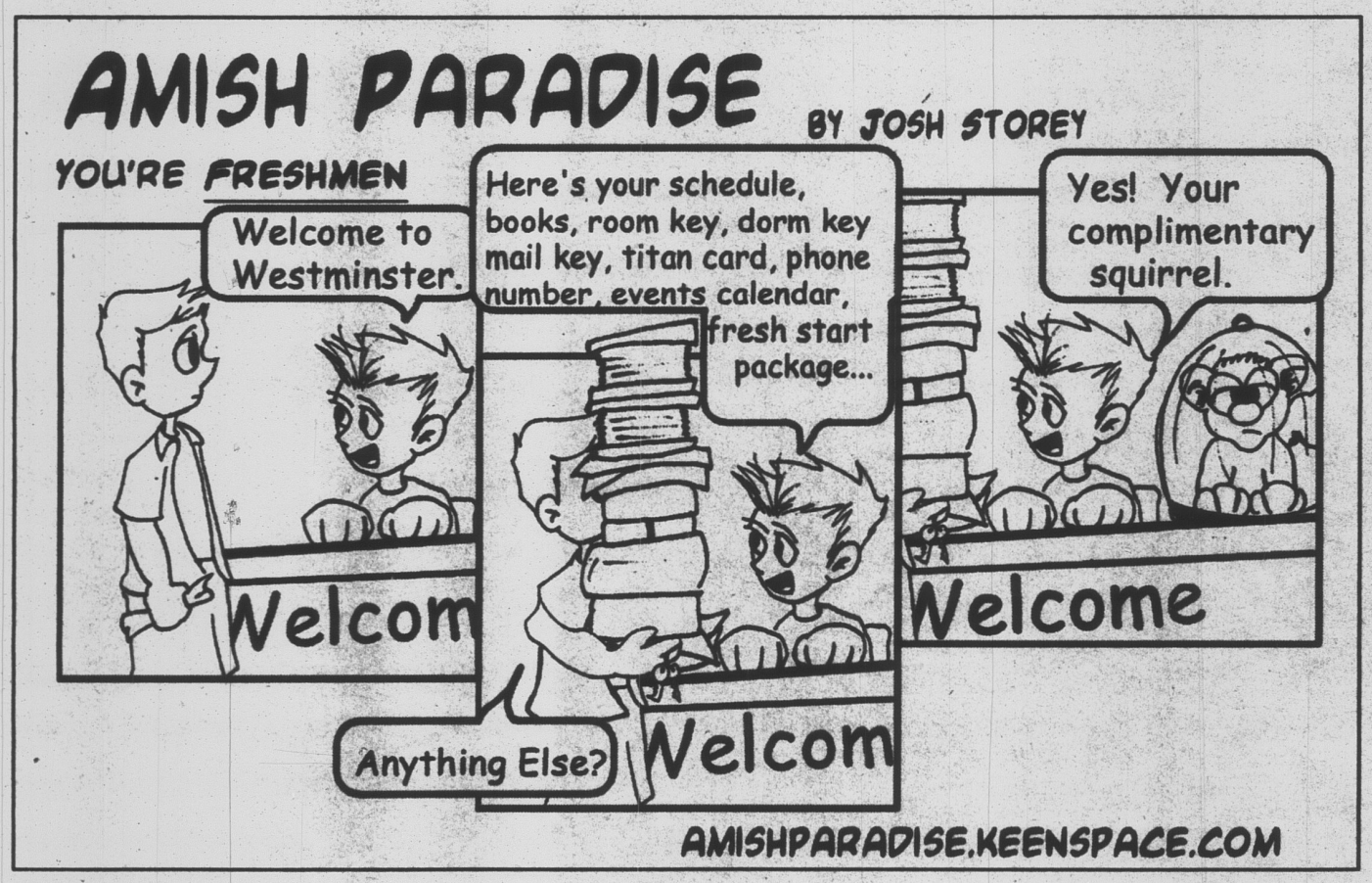
For those who are truly entertained by horoscopes, we offer you this:

Seniors: Today you will find yourself wanting desperately to do your homework.

Juniors: Today you will eat in the cafeteria.

Sophomores: You will trip over your shoelaces in front of someone you love.

Freshmen: You are now reading *The Holcad.*



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Guest Editorial: Preventing parking problems

By John Lechner
ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

As everyone arrived for the start of the new school year, the changes brought about by the ongoing construction were abundantly clear. Dirt piles and fencing mark the effort to bring permanent improvements to our campus community. Unfortunately, we must endure short-term inconvenience in order to enjoy the final finished project.

One of the areas that will prove to be an inconvenience is parking. We have temporarily lost some of our spaces, and demand for those remaining has increased because of the number of construction workers that are here helping us achieve our dreams of a new Campus Center and expanded facilities at the Field House.

In spite of the inconvenience, we can still accommodate virtually everyone's need for a parking space if we work together and follow the regulations that were implemented to deal with the situation. The new regulations were based on recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Parking Committee that was comprised of administrators, faculty, support staff and students. They worked diligently over the summer to develop proposals that would balance and minimize the hardships for everyone and also evenly distribute the parking demand so that we use all available campus spaces.

The final result of this effort is that we have a significant number of usable parking spaces, but they are not necessarily convenient ones, and everyone is going to have to sacrifice a little in order to make the plan work. We recognize that very few residence halls have sufficient parking spaces to accommodate every student with a car so the excess will have to find spaces in the general parking areas of the campus. Once you have your space it will be necessary to keep it for the week and get back to basics by walking to classes. The good news is that six of our eight residence halls are less than a 5-minute stroll to any academic building. On occasions where walking is simply not an option, general parking is available along Westminster Drive, around the Field House and in Lot G below Hoyt.

Remember that a parking decal does not guarantee you a parking space on campus but it does extend to you the privilege of using a select number of those that we do have. Employee or student vehicles without decals are not permitted to park on campus. The new decal system incorporates 8 colors and it definitively restricts where individuals can park. The decals correspond with the new color coded parking lot signs and the rule to follow is simple - if the color of your decal doesn't match the color on the sign, don't park there. Two lots that will be very restrictive as to who may park there are Lot F next to Beeghly Theater and Lot I behind Galbreath Hall. Relocation of many campus services and the closing of the Shaw Hall lot will make these two areas the most congested on campus, so the less vehicle traffic we get in these locations the safer the campus will be.

We also have new processes in place that will allow us to identify the owner of every car parked on our campus and our program of ticketing, booting, and towing will apply equally to students and staff alike. We do not wish to get draconian with enforcement so we ask everyone on campus to work together for the common goals of safety and equitable distribution of parking demand.

While we work at using every available parking space, we are also creating new ones. Last year we doubled the parking capacity along Westminster Drive and expanded the lots at Hillside and Jeffers Halls. Expansion of the lot behind Physical Plant is currently underway and should be completed in a few weeks. Negotiations are also in progress to pave the gravel lot near Hoyt and hopefully, it will be paved and operational before the snow flies this year. Next year we anticipate completing one or two more projects and we will continue paving each year until we have expanded our parking capacity to an acceptable level.

Please bear with us as we begin this year and be patient while we iron the wrinkles out of this new plan. Also be considerate of others and recognize that we are all sacrificing some individual convenience for the good of the campus community at large. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This summer a friend of mine died. I'd nurtured this friend for more than two decades and at three different colleges. I'm speaking of my friend, the Honor System. This friend gave me total (and perhaps naïve) trust in the honesty of students. I did not feel constrained to be present in the classroom at all times when exams were written. I was there to clarify, not police.

I state before an exam and include a written statement in the exam that students are trusted to be completely honest. If they agree, their signature is accepted by me as a trust. Students sign this! At the end of the course I've asked some pertinent questions about the Honor System: is it appropriate, does it work?

Until now, I sensed no violation of my Honor System. I've had hundreds of comments saying that the System works. That has changed. At least two students, in one upper division biology course last semester told me that the Honor System had been mutilated by one or more of their classmates. "Get rid of it," one person said. Apparently the cheating was blatant. I don't know who cheated. Maybe someone entering teaching, medicine, research. Will one of these continue being a cheater? Who will know?

I have stewed and agonized over this turn of the academic scene. I've asked some of my students what I should do. I now know what I must do. I must disregard the vast majority of students who are honest and can be trusted. I must cater to the value-system of the few who cannot be trusted—who will cheat if given a chance. This hurts my personal and professional pride. It hurts my feelings about Westminster. And, sadly, I know that some students may be hurt by my decision. One student in a non-major-level biology course this past semester told me (in the course evaluation) that it was good to finally be treated as an honest adult. But justice demands that I ignore such statements and assume that any student, under the proper conditions will cheat. I've had to kill the Honor System.

So, goodbye my friend. It's been a good ride and I'll miss you terribly. I'll have to become a policeman—instead of a professor who trusts! Sorry about that for you who are now in my classes and would never think of cheating.

Clarence Harms
Professor of Biology

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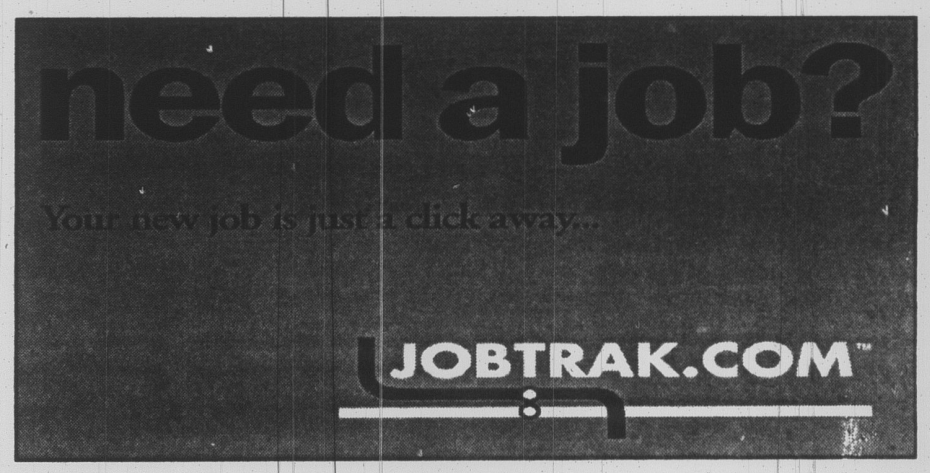


ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Brad and Adriann go to the movies

Bubble Boy

... it's Bubble-icious!

Brad Dell

Let me begin by saying that I did not choose *Bubble Boy* as the inaugural review for the 2001-2002 *Holcad*. Neither did my cohort in critique, Adrian, choose this truly ridiculous sounding summer flick. But alas, sometimes foul-seeming things end up making us laugh our pants off. So to those who did assign us this film, I thank you.

That's right. Maybe it was due to the time of day (I saw the film early afternoon); maybe it was due to a rejection of the back to school drudge or maybe my "film snob" attitude elected to take the day in off in order to make way for more low-brow tastes. But whatever the reason, watching *Bubble Boy* made me happy.

Bubble Boy is an *American Pie* coming of age film, a *Never-ending Story* journey film and a *There's Something About Mary* parody of romantic comedy all wrapped up in (you guessed it) a six foot bubble of laughs.

Jimmy, born into the world with no immune system, was condemned from birth to live within a plastic bubble. Though confined to the hospital for the first four years of life, it is at his bubble-fitted house, under the smothering watch of his overprotective, Bible-banging mother, that Jimmy grows into maturity. Feeding him crucifix cookies and fairy tales where all the heroes die because they leave their bubbles, Jimmy's mom keeps him content to remain in his ziplock world.

As Jimmy says "I had everything I wanted in life...until I met Chloe." Jimmy befriends and falls in love with the girl next door, Chloe. So, when she tells Jimmy she plans to marry another man at a church in Niagara Falls in three days, Jimmy embarks from his California home to stop her. And the rat race (sorry) is on.

Laughs are plentiful as Jimmy bounces, rolls, flies, floats and (sort of) runs cross-country helped by a compassionate biker, an ice-cream vending Hindu, a band of circus freaks, 100 plus year old twins, their lover Pun-Tang, and a happy-smiley cult that mistakes Jimmy as their Messiah.

Jake Gyllenhaal's Jimmy is the most loveable, compassionate hero since Tobey Magwire's performance in *Pleasantville*. (Gyllenhaal also bears a striking resemblance to Magwire.) Gyllenhaal reels the audience into his bubble from the first moment they see him. And he doesn't let them out until...well, I won't spoil the ending.

Swoosie Kurtz (Freddy from the early 90's NBC drama *Sisters*) gives a multiple-guffaw-worthy performance as Jimmy's mom. With lines like "Chloe isn't the kind of friend Jesus would want for you," Kurtz's character is one that you'll look forward to laughing at. The small in stature, big on laugh-value Verne Troyer (of "Mini-Me" fame) delivers another quirky but adorable performance as leader of the freaks - Dr. Freak. And as an added bonus, male supermodel, Fabio, cameos as the leader of the cult.

Besides the laugh-a-lot plot and charming characters, *Bubble Boy* is also good for morale, as Jimmy offers kindness and friendship to those "freaks" at the edge of our society.

But that's not to say *Bubble Boy* is written for nuns and Republican senators. The film has just the right amount of erection jokes and bikini-clad Chinese mud-wrestling to satisfy the appetites of our now "Pie"-craving audiences.

Though I was reluctant to even sit through the film, I am now pleased to recommend it. Since it's not the most brilliant thing I've ever seen, I'll give it three out four stars. But I'll "bubble" wrap them to make them extra special.

Until next time...may your cinematic worlds be fruitful.

Adriann Popovich

In the film *Bubble Boy*, Jimmy Livingston, the main character, has spent his entire life inside his home in the bubble world his parents have built. The story begins with a brief overview of the first 16 years of Jimmy's life, during which the audience becomes associated with his overprotective mother and seemingly clueless father.

The plot unfolds when Jimmy begins to admire his new neighbor, 16 year-old Chloe, from the window of his bubble bedroom. Following the classic paradigm for teen-age romantic comedies, the pretty girl Chloe has a heart of gold and defends Jimmy when her friends call him a freak.

Chloe, now intrigued with her neighbor's lifestyle, decides to go next door and meet the local legend in person. From this point on we watch the friendship between the two grow until Jimmy becomes jealous of Chloe's new boyfriend, Marc.

After a two-year lapse of time, Chloe tells Jimmy that she is getting married in Niagara Falls in three days. Jimmy does not respond and she leaves without his blessing. After giving it some thought, Jimmy decides that he must stop the wedding because he never told Chloe that he loves her.

And so the journey begins. Jimmy builds himself a portable bubble and takes off into the world. During his cross-country journey he meets a variety of people from a bus full of "Bright and Shiny" cult members to a set of 90-year-old twins, all attempting to help him get to Niagara Falls before the wedding.

The movie has its slow moments, but once Jimmy's cross-country journey begins, the plot picks up speed. Good acting and farfetched plot twists prevent the movie from becoming predictable and boring.

This film has the imagination of a children's movie but the language, violence and sexual connotations that make it a young adult film. *Bubble Boy* contains several laughable moments and some memorable one-liners. It's definitely a movie worth watching but I would wait till it comes out on video.

See page 15 for the story on the real Bubble Boy.

Step aside Miss Cleo: Staley meets a psychic

By Beth Staley
A&E EDITOR

Westminster Campus is new to everyone this year. For first year and transfer students and new faculty, the college offers a fresh environment. For those of us who have been here a while, the construction has turned campus upside down. It is my third year, and as I walk around campus, I wonder what will happen. After all, every year has unique milestones.

Well, I'm very impatient, and a class syllabus just doesn't make the future sound all that exciting. So, I decided to see a psychic. Why not? Of course, I had no idea what a psychic would or could tell me. Do psychics see the immediate future or the distant future? Do they only tell the good stuff? I wanted to see what a psychic reading is actually like. So, here's the story…

Last Thursday afternoon, I called my friend Stephanie King, and together we visited Miss Amelia in Sharon, PA. Stephanie helped me out a lot. In some cases, she had better questions about my life than I did. It's funny how other people can do that.

To begin my reading, Miss Amelia shuffled her deck of tarot cards. She placed them in front of me, and asked me to concentrate while splitting the deck into four piles, using the hand I write with. She proceeded to position the cards on the table in front of us, and she started to tell me various bits of information.

Miss Amelia told me that I liked people, and that I should pursue a career that involves interpersonal communication. She described me as a person who others often come to for advice. Miss Amelia also said that I have a keen sense of intuition that is strong and trustworthy. So far, I agreed with her on all of these points.

She said that she saw two men who are good friends with me; one has light hair, and one has dark hair. She told me that neither of them would be right for a serious relationship. Miss Amelia also warned me about my friends, saying that they can become competitive and spread lies. Two friends, she insisted, would play very important roles in my life this year. One would support me; the other would act dishonestly. In matters of dishonesty, however, Miss Amelia assured me that I would have vindication. Also, she said that I would help a friend through an abusive relationship.

Well, I started to feel discouraged about some of this information, but not all news can be good news. However, I did get a lot of positive information from Miss Amelia, especially when she proceeded to read my palms. Evidently, I am going to live until at least my early nineties. I should lead a very healthy and active life, plagued only by stomach problems that are instigated by stress. Interestingly, I do have stress-related stomach aches.

She told me that I would have a very successful career that brings wealth (how nice for WC if I really do become a filthy rich alum!). She foresaw me as a well-known person. Miss Amelia said that I would also devote my time to a creative endeavor. At some point, she believes that my creative work may take over my career and offer more opportunities and money. Although my career will take me into a larger urban community, I will remain near or north of my home. Miss Amelia pictured me around Pittsburgh or New York.

Then, my fortune got really good. Miss Amelia told me that I would marry my soul mate—just what everyone wants to hear! However, she stressed that I would have to be patient because if I've already met him, I don't know it. She saw me meeting him in some type of learning or training environment because our careers will be linked. He'll be tall, attractive and have light brown hair that gets lighter in the sun. Also, this guy will have a conservative edge; his religious faith will be important to him, and we will celebrate our faith together. According to Miss Amelia, I'll have a happy marriage and two to three healthy children to look forward to. Nonetheless, I probably won't meet this Mr. Right for a long time.

For now, I am supposed to concentrate on my education, which, Amelia assured me, plays a crucial role in my success. In fact, according to Amelia, I should do my best work ever this year if I stay focused. How reassuring!

I was also pleased when Miss Amelia foresaw me signing papers very soon, perhaps for a car, she suggested. However, maybe it was just an Add/Drop card for the Registrar; I don't know.

Finally, Miss Amelia left me with bits of advice. She had very good advice concerning relationships. Miss Amelia often advises her clients not to rush into anything, but also not to cling to past relationships that have ended. She described misplaced destiny as an incident when people miss their soul mate because they refuse to get over a past romance that has already fizzled.

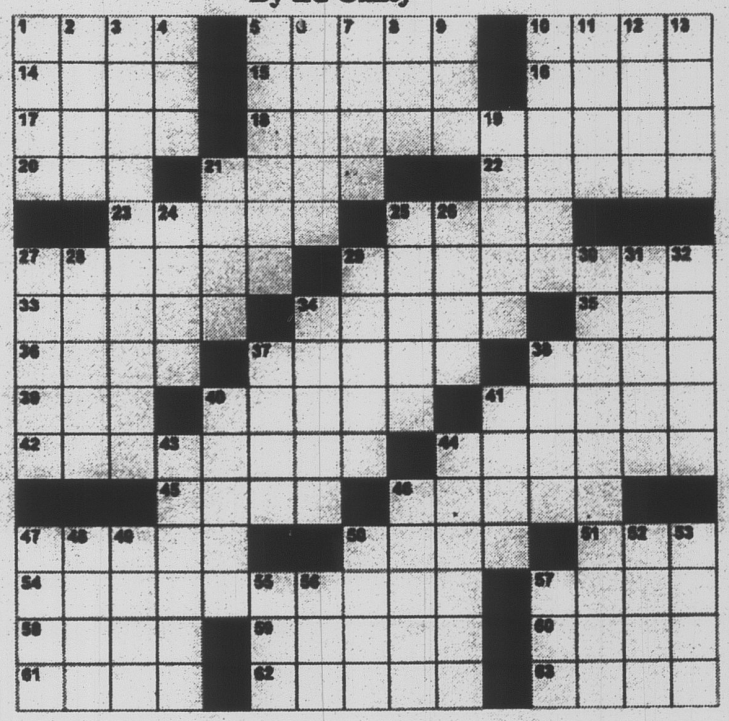
Overall, Miss Amelia gave me a lot to think about, and the reading was beneficial because before this visit, I had no idea what kind of things a psychic even told clients.

People interested in visiting Miss Amelia can call 724-347-2811. With thirty years of experience behind her, Miss Amelia will keep you entertained and interested.

Crossword 101

All in The Family

By Ed Canty



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46 Looks for
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49 Prayer ending
50 Deceiver
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53 Garden spots
55 Swerve off course
56 Deuce
57 Biblical word

Quotable Quote

Big sisters are the crab grass on the lawn of life.

• Linus, in Peanuts

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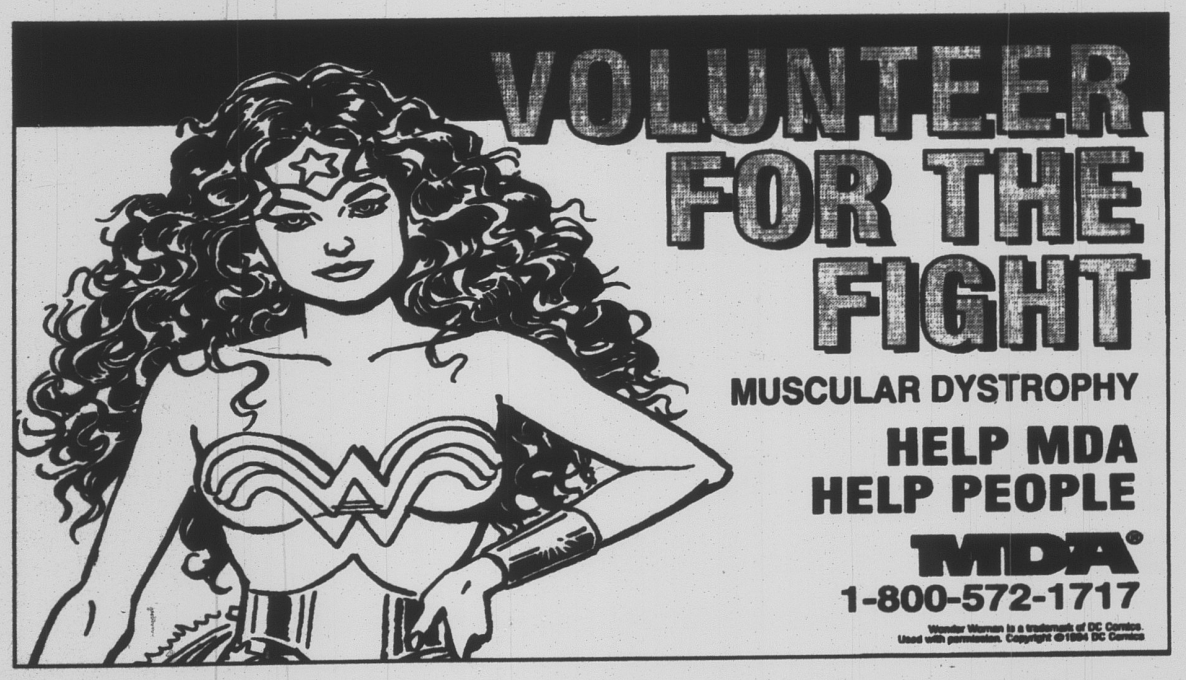

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Any family squabbles may come as a result of tensions. Be at your best and don't let anyone spoil your upbeat mood. Once harmony is restored, turn your attentions to making plans with a few good friends. You are inclined to be jealous and possessive of a mate. Stay cool.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Think before you speak. That temper of yours may flare without any provocation. Your idealistic side usually wins out, so try real hard to follow your dreams. Hopefully something that has been bothering you for the last several months is now gone for good.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
A friend of yours has a serious problem and is relying on your help to come up with a solution, so think fast. The week will go by pretty smoothly for it will have plenty of variety. At least you won't have to worry about getting bored.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
It's time to take a serious look at the romance in your life - and ask yourself if your expectations are realistic. Try not to take life to seriously and have fun with those you love. You tend to accomplish a lot and everyone around will catch your enthusiasm.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
This week brings a welcome relief from recent pressures, so spend time with those you love. Your strong ego may get you in hot water with a mate, and those old feelings of whether you've made the right choice or not are going to surface again. Your plans for the future are very realistic.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
If you feel that your friends have been difficult to deal with lately, perhaps you should take a good look at yourself. Listen to what a loved one has to say about your personal life, there is more merit there than you are willing to admit. Start improving things on the job.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
People close to you are charming and agreeable, but not very good about keeping promises, so be realistic at all times. Share some of your more creative ideas with someone who can take them one step further, in a practical way. Keep an eye on the food your eating.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
All you want this week is peace and quiet, but it seems like everyone needs to speak or be with you. Find time to sneak off on your own. Your feelings for a lover are intense, so try and remain as realistic as possible. Concentrate on organizing family matters that need your attention.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
The focus is on your private life for the next month or so. This time you may find it easier to sort out old misunderstandings. Don't take any risks with your money right now, you may regret it. You can accomplish a lot if you move ahead with confidence and grace.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Finish up with routine projects at work or at home as opposed to starting new ones. You will do best with what's familiar right now. You tend to worry about money, so just be extra careful about how and where you spend. With your delightful charm you may get just what you need.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Even though you try your best to please everyone, you won't be very successful. Maybe you should try to please yourself. You are going to be more thoughtful and introspective than usual. Let your thoughts move to spiritual matters. Your have a strong need to help and serve humanity.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
The people you care about are very receptive to your ideas right now. That's the kind of support you really need. When it comes to your homelife, things have been going in ten different directions, it's time to get organized. Get out and mix with new friends.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Now is time to review projects and former decisions. Re-structuring will be important at this time. It's also ripe for wise investments and business dealings. Some of your most cherished beliefs about security may be tested in the coming year.

FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

Photo by Lani Nuss

Katherine "Katie" Leigh Etzel

Full Name: Katherine "Katie" Leigh Etzel
Year at WC: first year
Major/Department: Exploratory

LN: What is your favorite word(s)?
Katie: Damn and awesome.

LN: What is your favorite book?
Katie: J.D. Salinger's *A Catcher in the Rye*.

LN: What is your favorite song or album?
Katie: Song - "Ants Marching" by Dave Matthews.

LN: Do you have a pet?
Katie: I have two dogs, a French poodle named McDuff and a Wheaton terrier named Tiffin.

LN: If you could be one inanimate object what would you be and why?
Katie:I would be the sun, maybe? The sun makes some people happy.

LN: What is your biggest fear?
Katie: My biggest fear is probably losing my twin sister.

LN: What was your best Halloween costume?
Katie: This one's easy. My sister and I were a pair of dice.

LN: What is your most valued possession?
Katie: My most valued possession would definitely be my family.

LN: If you could be any character from any movie, who would you be and why?
Katie: I would be the princess in Shrek. Maybe because she has a lot of character.

LN: What are your aspirations for the upcoming academic year?
Katie: Probably to meet lots of new people and have fun.

Photo by Lani Nuss

Dr. Bethany Faith Hicok

Full Name: Bethany Faith Hicok
Year at WC: first year
Major/Department: English department

LN: What is your favorite word(s)?
Dr. Hicok: Fuzzy.

LN: What is your favorite book?
Dr. Hicok: A.S. Byatt's *Possession*.

LN: What is your favorite song or album?
Dr. Hicok: A song by the 19th century composer, Puccini called "Un Belle di" from Madame Butterfly.

LN: Do you have a pet?
Dr. Hicok: Yes, I have two cats, George and Susie.

LN: If you could be one inanimate object what would you be and why?
Dr. Hicok: Moss, because it lives forever. It grows slowly and in the woods.

LN: What is your biggest fear?
Dr. Hicok: I was in a bike accident a few years ago and wasn't able to read for a while. So my biggest fear would be hurting myself so badly that I'd lose my faculties and my ability to read and function at the intellectual level I've been accustomed to.

LN: What was your best Halloween costume?
Dr. Hicok: I was a vampy black cat. I wore a leather skirt and we attached a tail with wire in it that would swing when I walked.

LN: What is your most valued possession?
Dr. Hicok: My family.

LN: If you could be any character from any movie, who would you be and why?
Dr. Hicok: I would be Louise in *Thelma and Louise*.

LN: What are your aspirations for the upcoming academic year?
Dr. Hicok: I have two: to teach well and get to know my students and to get on with my book on American women poets and the experiences of students attending women's colleges.

What first-year students need to know

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

Westminster offers a variety of clubs and organizations. No matter what kind of person you are, depending on your interests, there is probably a suitable activity. However, as freshmen, you may not know what those activities are. For instance, I did not find out until my sophomore year that Scrawl was WC's literary magazine. So if you want to get involved, read on.

The Holcad is our newspaper, so if you are reading this that is probably something you already know. Argo is our yearbook. Like the Holcad, the yearbook appeals to many different people. Photographers, writers, public relations majors and business-oriented majors will benefit from committing to the yearbook. Those interested in literary or artistic endeavors may want to join Scrawl, our literary magazine. SGA or Student Government Association is a great way to become involved in the political aspects of campus, as well as what occurs here academically and socially. CPC or Campus Programming Committee is an organization that aids in activities for students. Seekers is our campus Christian organization. Allies, the Black Student Union and the Asian Culture Club are for those interested in promoting diversity. If you are interested in community service activities, Habitat for Humanity is a great way to help out. Most clubs on campus, however, promote some form of community service.

There are also many academic clubs on campus. Lambda Sigma is the sophomore honorary, Omicron Delta Kappa is for juniors and Mortar Board is for seniors. Acceptance into these organizations depends on your grades and your level of involvement.

Greek life is also a way to become involved during your stint here on campus. There are five sororities and five fraternities.

Some other information you may want to know but where afraid to ask is as follows:

That pole near Orr auditorium and Patterson hall is the Peace Pole. You may see various clubs organizing around the Peace Pole through out the year as well as poetry readings. The giant structure near the lake is Henley Pavilion, commonly known as the Amphitheater. For amusement, canoes are offered, free of charge to anyone who may want to go out on Lake Britain. The Happy Bus is offered on nights fraternity houses are open and serves as a shuttle service for those who choose not to walk to and fro from their dorms.

The campus also has a variety of daily activities. Every Spring, Alpha Sigma Phi sponsors Relay for Life, a walk that raises money for cancer research. Usually, an Earth Day celebration is held as well. Reading Day is the day following the last day of class and before the first day of finals. You'll understand the irony behind Reading Day when it arrives.

I obviously did not include every organization and club available on campus. You'll have figure some of it out on your own and don't be afraid to ask an upperclassman or professor. My best advice - get involved.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL STAR GAZING begins today and continues each Wednesday, weather permitting, at 9 p.m. Interested parties will meet in the lobby and travel to the Hoyt roof to view the constellations, planets, moon and other interesting celestial objects. Learn a little something different each week.

COMEDY OF ALEXANDRA MCHALE appearing in the Down Under Friday, Sept. 8, at 8 p.m.

BIKE TO BUILD, sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 15, beginning at Hoss's Restaurant in Meadville. Choose from four Ernest Rails to Trails paths for mini bikers (five miles), or travel the Country Side for the Adventure (10 miles) or Challenger (20+miles) on both dirt and paved roads. Free t-shirts to the first 100 entries. Registration for adults is $10 and $5 for 6-18 year olds. For more information, contact the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, 890 Liberty St., Meadville PA 16335.

AMISH STYLE CHICKEN & NOODLE SUPPER is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 22, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the New Wilmington United Methodist Church. Adults, $8 and children under 10, $3. For more information, contact Norma Garrett at (724) 946-2246 or the church Monday-Thursday mornings at (724) 946-2811.

ORGAN LESSONS for experienced and beginning students. Contact Dr. Beth Harrison at EXT. 7024 or (724) 625-4526 or e-mail harrisea@westminster.edu.

COLIA'S CLEANERS, 208 E. Wallace Ave. New Castle, offers 15% off all dry cleaning (five items or more) for members of Westminster College faculty and staff.

SWIMMING LESSONS REGISTATION is scheduled Sunday, Sept. 23, 6-7 p.m. in Memorial Field House Lobby. All applicants must be at least five years old, and the cost is $45 per person. The 45-minute classes are scheduled Sept. 24-28 and Oct. 1-4. Levels I and II begin at 5:30 p.m., and Levels III, IV, V, VI, and VII begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Robert Klamut, director of aquatics at Westminster College, at (724) 946-7315.

THE DAVIES-JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP presents a unique opportunity for an outstanding students to participate in a course of study at St. John's College, Cambridge University, following graduation. Supported by an anonymous benefactor, the Davies-Jackson Scholarship is designed especially for students from families with modest economic backgrounds and who are among the first in their families to have graduated from college. Applications we receive from students who have demonstrated enthusiasm for and achievement in the arts, humanities, and social sciences and who wish to pursue further substantive study in one of these areas. The two-year, full scholarship to St. John's College covers all tuition, fees, room and board during term-time, living expenses during the summer vacation, and travel to and from England. The Scholarship is open to students who wish to read archaeology and anthropology, classics, economics, English, geography, history, history of art, modern and medieval languages, music, philosophy, or social and political sciences. Up to two scholarships may be awarded.

Applications for the Davies-Jackson Scholarship are due by Nov. 15. The application should be made directly to the Davies-Jackson Scholarship Committee. Scholarship materials have been sent to several offices on campus, including Academic Affairs, Career Planning, and the departments representing the corresponding subjects. Additional application materials may be obtained by contacting A. Graham Down, at 1650 32nd St., N.W., Washington, DC 20007, or call (202) 333-8258, or by accessing the Davies-Jackson web site at: http://www.cic.edu/caphe/davies-jackson.html.

FOR RENT/SALE

FOR SALE: 1999 Honda CBR F4, red and black, 700 miles. Excellent condition, $6,000 including two helmets.

FOR SALE: Sharp Microwave, 1.4 cu. ft., black, $90. Call Professor Cox at EXT. 7266.

FOR SALE: Pentium II 300 MHz Computer: Windows 98: $300.00 or best offer: EXT. 7929.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 7
11:40 a.m. Chapel
12:15 p.m. Fitness Center Orientation — Meet at Entrance to the Center

SATURDAY 8
11:00 a.m. Football @ Walsh
Women's Soccer vs. Otterbein @ Capital
Men's Cross Country @ Allegheny Invitational
Women's Cross Country @ Thiel Invitational
1:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass – Chapel
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents: Alexandra McHale (Comedian) – Down Under

SUNDAY 9
Women's Soccer @ Capital
SAA Retreat
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers — Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting – House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie – Down Under

MONDAY 10
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting – Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings:
Alpha Gamma Delta — Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta — PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu — PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa — PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha — Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting – HSC
6:30 p.m. Fall Phonathon Begins – Thompson House
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — Down Under
Alpha Gamma Delta Philanthropy: Business Letters

TUESDAY 11
LAST DAY TO ADD A CLASS ($15 Fee)
3:30 a.m. Women's Tennis vs. Mount Union (H)
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting — PH 112
7:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Lake Erie @ Austintown Fitch HS (OH)
7:00 p.m. Orchestra — Orr Auditorium
9:45 p.m. Mortar Board Meeting — PH 112

WEDNESDAY 12
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum
4:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Allegheny (H)
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship — Down Under

THURSDAY 13
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting – TC 314
4:00 p.m. Women's Tennis @ Case Western Reserve (OH)
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice — Chapel

Immune Deficiency Foundation boycotts 'Bubble Boy'

By Andrea Majot
STAFF WRITER

With the release of Bubble Boy has come an increasing amount of controversy and outrage from the Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF). Members of the IDF and other immune deficiency awareness groups asked Disney (which owns Touchstone) to pull the production before its release and now following its arrival in theaters ask the public to boycott it.

While the majority of the American public believes in such a thing as "Boy in the Bubble" or "Bubble Boy Disease," there has, in fact, only been one case of a boy being placed in a bubble to protect him from illness.

The real bubble boy was named David Vetter. He suffered from X-linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID). Before David was born, his older brother had already succumbed to the same illness.

In order to protect David from the same fate, doctors placed him in a protective plastic habitat, even in his crib. As David grew, his bubbles also increased in size. NASA even built him a space suit that would allow travel outside the home for a short time periods.

David's unique situation was meant only to be a temporary solution as doctors worked on a cure or a way to aid him in leading a more normal life. In this spirit, David underwent an experimental treatment in 1984, at age 12. Soon afterward, he died of complications.

It is hard to ignore the similarities between the Touchstone bubble boy's lifestyle and that of David Vetter. Disney Productions, however, claims, "any resemblance to real persons, living or dead is purely coincidental."

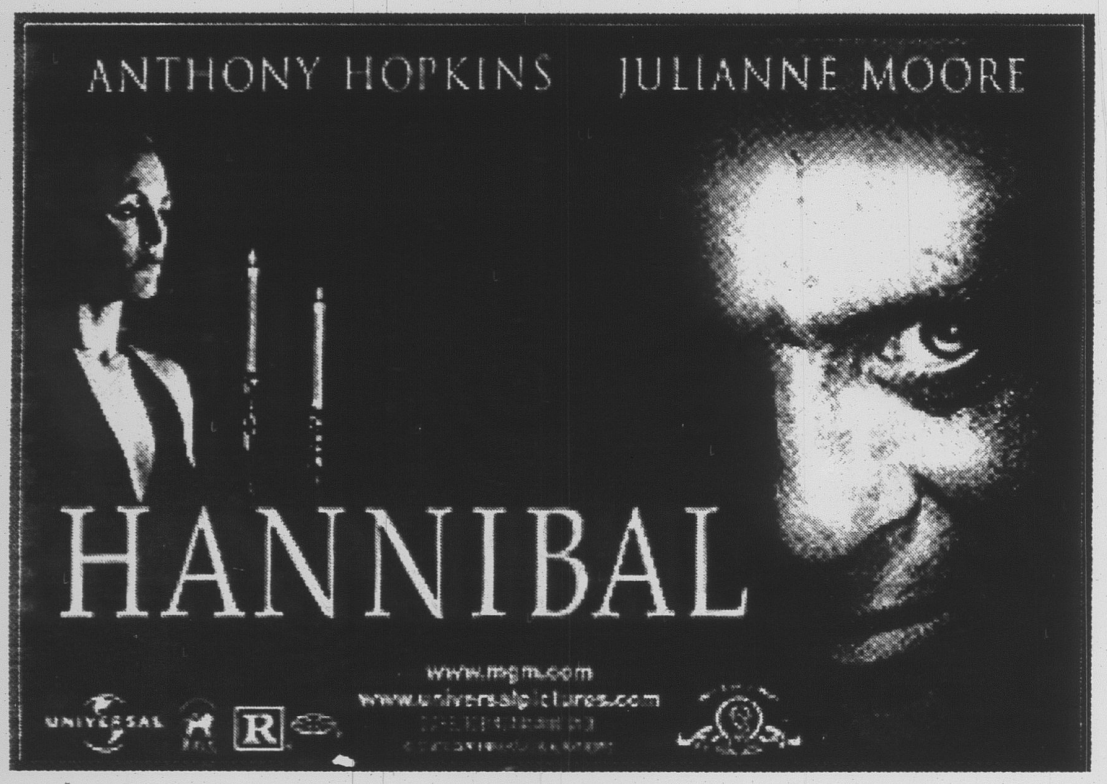
The public and the production company must now decide whether or not it is in good taste to make fun of a life-threatening disease that nearly 50,000 people in the U.S. have been diagnosed with. In the past this subject has been treated by the sitcom Seinfeld and an earlier movie about a bubble boy starring John Travolta. In these cases, the condition was either addressed lightly or humorously.

Primary Immune Deficiency Disease (PIDS) often strikes males due to the genetics involved. Recently, research on bone marrow transplant and gene therapy has given new hope to individuals and the families of those who are afflicted with PIDS.

Blood tests and bone marrow transplants performed within the first three months of life have proven effective in treating sufferers and assuring them a more normal, healthy lifestyle.

For more information on SCID or PIDS, consult the SCID Homepage at www.scid.net.

At the Down Under



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September 7 at 8:00 p.m.
September 9 at 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events Fall '01

Sept. 15 Drive In Movie

Sept. 21 Gateway Clipper

Sept. 29 Family Day

Oct. 13 Homecoming

Comic: Andrew Kennedy

And much more!

Comedian: Alexandra McHale September 8-Saturday 8:00p.m.

Alexandra McHale is a graduate of Fairfield University in CT and is also a member of the prestigious Actor's Studio in New York City. After graduating she traveled to France where she studied and performed with greats such as, Robert Redford, Sally Field, and Paul Newman.

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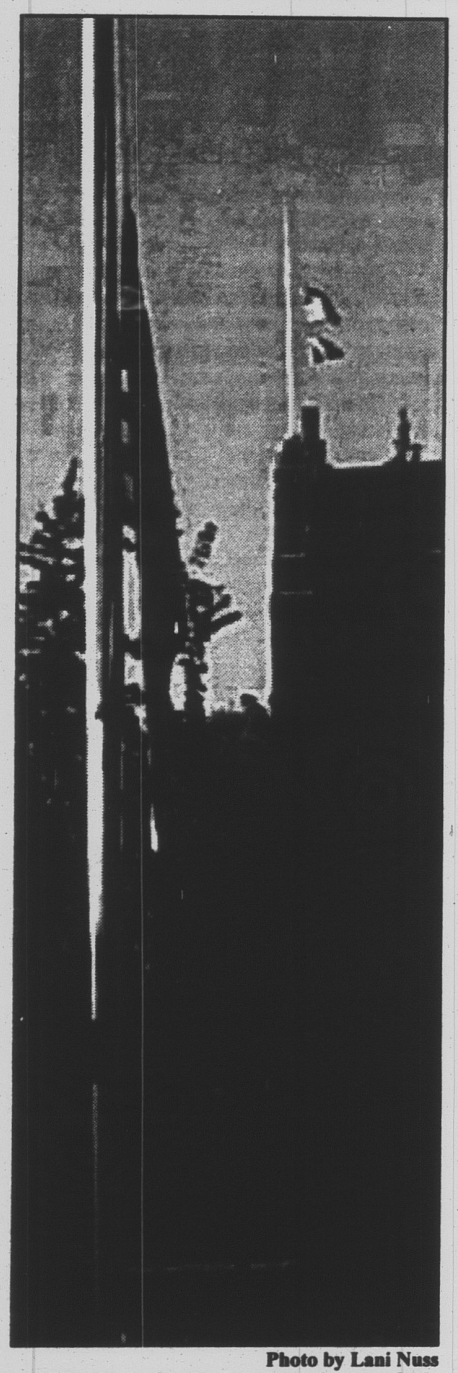

Photo by Lani Nuss

The flags in the quad and atop Old Main were flown at half mast on Tuesday.

Bush condemns terrorists

By David Espo
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDANT

WASHINGTON (AP) – President George W. Bush condemned terrorist attacks in New York and Washington as "acts of war" on Wednesday and said he would ask Congress for funding to help in the recovery and to protect the U.S. nation's security.

"This will be a monumental struggle of good versus evil. But good will prevail," the president said. He said the United States was prepared to spend "whatever it takes," and pledged to rally other nations to a global battle against terrorism.

Bush mapped his response—and sought to reassure a shaken nation—as the White House disclosed it had "specific credible information" that the White House and Air Force One were intended targets in Tuesday's attacks. "The plane that hit the Pentagon may have been headed for the White House," said spokesman Sean McCormack.

Congress convened in the Capitol building for the first time since Tuesday's parallel attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon across the Potomac River from the nation's capital. Lawmakers hastened to approve legislation declaring the United States was "entitled to respond under international law."

"We literally and figuratively stand shoulder to shoulder" with the president, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said after senior lawmakers met with the president at the White House.

Officials said evidence in the fearsome events pointed to suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden, harbored in Afghanistan. And while Secretary of State Colin Powell suggested earlier in the day that no military response was imminent, Bush said, "We will rally the world" in a war on terrorism, fought now on American soil.

Officials said 50 military personnel remained unaccounted for at the Pentagon, as well as an unknown number of civilians.

The administration began detailing a range of actions it was taking to respond to the attack and ease the return to normalcy.

– The Treasury Department announced the United States and its wealthy allies had pledged their central banks would make a coordinated effort to keep the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history from leading to "disruption to the global economy."

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Campus responds to attacks

By Andrea Majot
STAFF WRITER

The country stared in disbelief, trying to comprehend the gaping hole left in the first of the two Trade Towers by a hijacked plane. Then the other, before the eye of the camera, erupted in flame and eventually crumbled following a second plane crash. Then came the news that the Pentagon was on fire, followed by yet another crash in Somerset County outside Pittsburgh.

Here at Westminster, so far removed from the tragedy, the news still has an impact. Some cried out that it was "Armageddon," others made frantic calls to reach friends and family in Washington, New York and Pittsburgh. Others still feared war and economic hardship as possible results of the terrorist actions.

The feelings, fears and questions of the students and faculty have not been ignored though. Various statements and responses were made early Tuesday and continued into the week to let members of campus become involved in efforts to help and comfort those around them.

Steve Allen, college chaplain, sent out a notice that prayer services were to be held at Noon and 7 p.m. in the chapel on Tuesday. Both services together were attended by over 700 students and faculty. At the second service, Allen addressed the congregation by saying aloud the 23rd Psalm, the same words echoed later that evening in President Bush's address. "There's a lot of shock and a lot of disbelief and a lot of anger," Allen said to the crowded chapel.

President R. Thomas Williamson announced in a campus-wide e-mail that, "During the horrible events of today, it is important that we keep a sense of perspective

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Blood collected to help victims of terrorist attacks

By Heidi Krieger
STAFF WRITER

During the American Red Cross blood drive at St. Mary's Church in New Castle on Wednesday, 136 productive pints of blood were collected.

Tony DeCaprio, executive director of the Lawrence County chapter of the American Red Cross, said the response was overwhelming and expressed his apologies at having to

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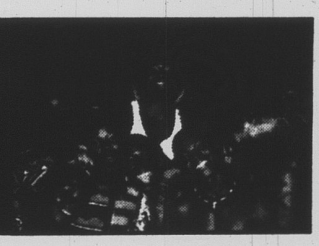

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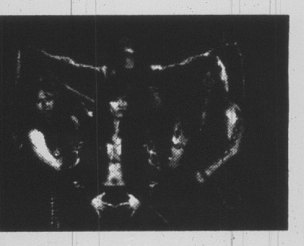

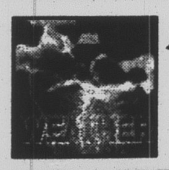

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AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY

Passengers may have overtaken hijackers in rural PA crash

By Martha Raffaele
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP) _ Just before United Airlines Flight 93 crashed, a passenger telephoned his wife, told her the plane had been hijacked and said he and some others were going to "do something about it."

Authorities have not said whether passengers struggled with the hijackers and whether that sent the airliner carrying 45 people into a western Pennsylvania field instead of a high-profile target. Elsewhere, hijacked planes hit New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Tuesday.

As investigators pieced together the events leading to the crashes, loved ones and others speculated Wednesday that the passengers or crew on Flight 93 might have thwarted the hijackers.

"It sure wasn't going to go down in rural Pennsylvania. This wasn't the target; the target was Washington, D.C.," said Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa. "Somebody made a heroic effort to keep the plane from hitting a populated area."

"I would conclude there was a struggle and a heroic individual decided 'I'm going to die anyway, I might as well bring the plane down here.'"

At least one phone call made from the doomed plane suggested that might be what happened.

Thomas Burnett told his wife, Deena, that "a group of us are going to do something," she said. Burnett learned of the World Trade Center attacks during the four phone calls he made to his wife, and calmly told her that he and other passengers would try to take action against the hijackers.

"He thought he was going to be home. He was going to solve this problem," Deena Burnett told reporters at her home in San Ramon, Calif., Wednesday.

The plane crashed about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh after first flying near Cleveland and then turning around. The plane was said to be flying erratically and losing altitude.

The FBI would not comment on speculation about a struggle on board.

U.S. officials have said on condition of anonymity that the Secret Service feared the hijackers may have been headed for Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland about 85 miles from the crash site.

But Murtha, an intelligence officer in Vietnam, played down those reports. "I just don't think it's that significant" a target, he said.

In Washington, Attorney John Ashcroft said each of the planes was seized by three to six hijackers armed with knives and box cutters. Some were trained as pilots in the United States, Ashcroft said.

Analysts said recovery of Flight 93's cockpit voice recorder could be key in determining what happened. FBI assistant agent in charge Roland Corvington said that more than 200 investigators were on the scene and that the search might continue for three to five weeks.

Corvington said it would be difficult to identify any human remains.

The plane left Newark, N.J., for San Francisco at 8:01 a.m. EDT Tuesday. As it approached Cleveland, radar showed the plane banked left and headed back toward Pennsylvania. Cleveland Mayor Michael White said air traffic controllers said they could hear screaming on a plane they were in communication with.

Dennis Fritz, the control tower chief at the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport, about 20 miles from the crash site, said his tower got a call from Cleveland controllers warning that the plane was headed toward Johnstown and flying erratically.

The Cleveland tower said the plane had done some unusual maneuvers, including a 180-degree turn away from Cleveland, and was flying at a low altitude. Johnstown controllers also could not see the plane from their tower, leading them to believe the plane was already very low.

"We had no call signal and we had no tail number. We had no way of making contact with the plane," Fritz said.

From Johnstown, the plane veered south, Fritz said. A witness on the ground called the Westmoreland County 911 center to report a large aircraft flying low and banking from side to side.

A passenger who called 911 from his cell phone told dispatchers he was inside a locked bathroom on the plane. Dispatcher Glenn Cramer said the man repeatedly said, "We're being hijacked!"

"He heard some sort of explosion and saw white smoke coming from the plane and we lost contact with him," Cramer said. The man never identified himself.

Minutes later, the plane slammed into the ground, nose first.

Neshannock man may have been involved in terrorist attacks

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's national tragedies hit close to home for one New Castle community. The FBI spent several hours Wednesday investigating the Neshannock home of a man who could be involved in the terrorist attacks.

Although authorities will not yet comment on any certain connection to the attacks, Dr. Basem Moustafa Hussein's whereabouts are unknown at this time, and his landlord found Arabic flight manuals in Hussein's home. Hussein had been working in New Mexico, but co-workers said he was returning to his apartment before he disappeared.

Neshannock police were stationed at the entrance to The Meadows, a Neshannock Twp. neighborhood, to ensure that only residents were entering and exiting the development as FBI agents conducted the search. Hundreds of onlookers and even a parcel delivery truck were turned away.

A spokesperson for Jameson Hospital in New Castle confirmed that a man with the same name worked at the hospital as a radiologist until a year and a half ago.

Another report indicates that Hussein's car was at Pittsburgh International Airport Tuesday. The FBI will neither confirm nor deny that report.

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and, to the extent possible, normalcy. For that reason, we have decided to keep all College functions operating including classes."

About this decision, Williamson said, "I think it's important that classes go on, that people have a chance in class to talk about events of the day." His belief that professors were not going to be "overly stringent on class-attendance policies" was well-founded as many classes were cancelled.

As a direct response to those injured in these tragedies, the campus was informed of the New Castle Red Cross blood drive. Transportation was provided to and from the donation site. So many donors arrived to give blood that by late afternoon, new arrivals were turned away and asked to return at a later date. Others waited four to five hours for a chance to help the victims in New York.

The SGA has volunteered to help collect donations for the United Way of New York and the New York Community Trust to aid the emergency agencies. Donations will be collected beginning Monday and can be given to any SGA member.

Finally, to put the events of Tuesday in a more global perspective, a teach-in sponsored by the college and the Peace Studies Program took place early Wednesday. Nearly 70 individuals were in attendance to express their views on the terrorist actions.

Among those commenting on the events was fifth-year senior Nate Sizemore who responded most to the "racist, antireligious sentiments" he had seen expressed on boards outside dorm rooms. Sizemore indicated that these comments inspired the most fear as they should be regarded as "extremely dangerous."

Sizemore suggests for the future that, "Let's not just be rational today, let's be rational for the month and the months to come." His comments were followed by an enthusiastic round of applause.

Dr. Mandy Medvin of the psychology department explained the events of Tuesday as she had explained to her child that, "There are a few bad people who would do such a thing, but most people are very, very good."

Governor Ridge promises aid from state in time of need

By Timothy D. May
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) With tears in his eyes and a defiant set to his jaw, Gov. Tom Ridge promised to send firefighters, search-and-rescue personnel and as much blood as Pennsylvanians could donate to aid the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

Ridge, who flew by state police helicopter from Erie to Harrisburg on Tuesday after learning of the attacks, spoke briefly to reporters at the state's Emergency Operations Center before flying to the site of a jetliner crash in Somerset County.

Visibly shaken, Ridge called the attacks the "most brutal act of terrorism" in mankind's history and urged Pennsylvanians to help their neighbors in New York and Virginia by donating blood.

He said he spoke earlier Tuesday with Govs. George Pataki of New York and James S. Gilmore of Virginia, and promised to send aid. He said one search-and-rescue team from Pennsylvania already has been dispatched to New York to help with the rescue effort there.

He also sent 100 state troopers to Shanksville, where an apparently hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed about 10 a.m. Tuesday with 45 people aboard.

Ridge told reporters he had little information about the crash of the Boeing 757 and said there was little he could do at the scene, other than offer encouragement to investigators.

Ridge also said measures are being taken to protect possible targets in Pennsylvania.

He ordered all nonessential state employees to go home at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, closed state buildings and dispatched state troopers to the state's five nuclear power plants to provide extra security.

"I don't think anybody ever anticipated terror would strike this country...this is something you thought you might read about in a novel, or see on video," he said.

He said he did not know if state government buildings would be open Wednesday and that he would keep the emergency center open indefinitely.

Car rentals increase after tragedy

By JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press Writer

SANTEE, S.C. (AP) _ Hundreds of travelers expecting to take to the air to get home to destinations along the East Coast instead rented cars and trekked up and down Interstate 95 Wednesday.

A steady stream of people in rented sedans, vans and other vehicles stopped around lunchtime at a Cracker Barrel restaurant on I-95, the main route from Florida to Maine.

"I had four messages on my machine and they all told me to drive not fly," said Ira Barrow, a public works employee from Seminole County, Fla., who was set to fly home Wednesday from a conference in Philadelphia.

Instead, Barrow and three of his colleagues stuffed themselves into a sports utility vehicle they were using just to get around town in Philadelphia. It cost the group $300 extra to take the vehicle back to Florida.

Leiendecker said he was anxious to get back to his home, about 45 miles from New York City, and make sure everything was all right. And his wife said the vacation had lost its allure after Tuesday's events. "It didn't seem right to be out celebrating and having fun after something like this," Donna Leiendecker said.

Students across countryspeak against terrorism

By Stephen J. Fulhart & Reid Silverman
Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The terrorist attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington have stunned U.S. citizens, including those currently attending colleges and universities, those who have not lived through world wars and major conflicts half a world away.

"This is the Pearl Harbor of our generation," Emily Briley, a student at the University of Tennessee said online.

Many other college students from across the nation echo her reaction.

The biggest incidents of the past 20 years have involved a space shuttle crash, small strikes on small nations and a homegrown terrorist attack in the southern Midwest.

There is nothing to compare with this most recent atrocity in the eyes of many students.

"Oklahoma City was scary," said James O'Sullivan, who attends the University of Texas-Austin. "This was terrifying."

"I was in complete shock," said Lock Haven University student Kelly Lewis. "I was always just kind of under the assumption that nothing of this magnitude would ever happen without any warning. This attack has taken everyone by surprise."

News of the morning's events spread quickly, both through media outlets and word of mouth.

"I had a friend call me and tell me," said O'Sullivan, who had just woken up. "I was somewhat speechless."

"A friend told me to put on CNN," Briley said. "When I saw what had happened, my heart started to race."

"I was writing a memo that was due for a class when my roommate came back from the shower and turned on the cable," said Cody Mattson, who attends Colorado College of the Mines. "I was mad, sad and shocked all at the same time."

But for Mattson and other students, the classes went on. Many universities continued with a normal day's schedule, with the exception of a few schools. Opinions varied amongst students as to whether or not classes should have been held.

"People like myself actually care about what's happening, and it's a state of emergency, but I know tons of people who don't care one bit and are using this time to party," June Hopkins said online, whose classes at Florida State were cancelled. "It's really disgraceful."

"My classes were a productive discussion of the events," Mattson said, "so if that is representative of the classes in other colleges, then classes aren't a bad thing today."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed Dec. 7, 1941 as "a date which will live in infamy." To that end, September 11, 2001 will most likely be remembered in the same context, students agree.

Iowa State student Vince Stephans also looked back at U.S. history as guidance for the near future.

"One of America's oldest mottos is 'Don't Tread On Me,'" he said. "We'll just see what happens now."

The shock felt around the world...

NATO gives support

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) – America's NATO allies declared Tuesday that the United States can count on their support in an intensified war against terrorism-a battle "all civilized nations must win."

The alliance issued the declaration during an emergency meeting called after airborne attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"Our deepest sympathy lies with the victims, their families and all Americans," the alliance's governing North Atlantic Council said. "The NATO nations unanimously condemn these barbaric acts committed against a NATO member state."

It said the "mindless slaughter of so many innocent civilians is an unacceptable act of violence without precedent in the modern era."

The attacks, NATO said, "underscored the urgency of intensifying the battle against terrorism, a battle that the NATO countries-indeed all civilized nations-must win."

The statement added: "At this critical moment, the United States can rely on its 18 allies in NATO and Europe for assistance and support...Our message to the people of the United States is that we are with you."

Of the attackers, NATO said: "Our message to those who perpetrated these unspeakable crimes is equally clear: you will not get away with it."

London Stock Exchange evacuates

By Bruce Stanley
AP BUSINESS WRITER

LONDON (AP) – Shocked investors sent European share prices into a free fall and panic buying caused oil and gold prices to soar in response to the terrorist bombings Tuesday in New York and Washington.

The London Stock Exchange evacuated its headquarters in the city's financial district as a precaution against a possible attack, although a spokesman said trading was continuing at an undisclosed alternative site.

The International Petroleum Exchange suspended trading of crude oil and refined products for an hour to catch up on an unusually heavy volume of transactions, while gold trading on the city's bullion market fizzled earlier in the afternoon.

Investors dumped shares on all major regional stock markets on news of the bombings, and stocks-already battered from several days of heavy selling-plunged further through the afternoon. Among the biggest losers were stocks in insurance companies and airlines, after hijacked passenger planes plowed into both towers of the World Trade Center.

"It's a disaster. It throws the whole market background into chaos... Banks, insurers will fall the most-anything that's exposed," said Mike Lenhoff, a portfolio strategist at London brokerage Gerrard.

"The tragedy postpones recovery and continues to put pressure on corporate profits." he said.

Security heightened in Canada

By Tom Cohen
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

OTTAWA (AP) – The Canadian government tightened security in major cities and along the American border after Tuesday's terrorist attacks, and dozens of intercontinental flights bound for the United States headed to Canada instead.

The Canadian military was put on alert and major government and tourist sites were closed, including Parliament Hill in the capital, Ottawa, and the tall CN Tower in Toronto. The U.S. Embassy was closed and under increased security.

Some border posts temporarily closed, but reports that the entire frontier would be sealed proved untrue.

The Peace Bridge at Buffalo was shut for about 20 minutes, the Canadian Broadcast Corp. reported, then reopened under increased security with a Royal Canadian Mounted Police checkpoint closely searching vehicles headed for the United States.

At the crossing between Lacolle, Quebec, and Champlain, N.Y., U.S. chief inspector Mike McMullen said traffic proceeded as usual under what he called "heightened awareness."

A few vehicles were searched, but the flow appeared normal for a Tuesday afternoon. In the area between the two sides, a Canadian flag hung at half-staff while the U.S. flag remained atop its pole.

Some travelers said they were told the border was closed, but decided to try it anyway. Erin Wayne and her parents were flying back from Scotland to New York on Tuesday when the flight was diverted to Montreal's Dorval airport because of what the pilot called "a tragedy."

The family took a taxi at a cost of $65 and walked across, luggage in hand, to search for a ride to Syracuse, N.Y.

Truck driver Everett Jackson, hauling a load of live chickens, was told by his company, Ross Breeders, that the border was closed and to go rest in a hotel.

"We decided to find out anyway," Jackson said before heading for South Carolina.

Airports in eastern Canada accepted U.S.-bound planes that were diverted when most U.S. airports were shut after highjacked jets crashed into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon outside Washington and apparently elsewhere.

Dozens of unscheduled landings were expected at the Canadian military base at Goose Bay in Labrador, a small community several hundred miles north of Halifax, Nova Scotia, with limited hotel space.

"We filled up two hours ago," said Sherry Beaucage, a reservations clerk at the Albatross Motel. "There's nowhere near the hotel space needed to accommodate them. It's pretty devastating."

Dozens more diverted flights were expected at the airports in St. John's, Newfoundland; Moncton, New Brunswick; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Toronto; Montreal; Vancouver, British Columbia; and even Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory, where Canadian jet fighters escorted two flights from Korea diverted from their scheduled landing in Alaska.

Russian president gives condolences

MOSCOW (AP) – Russian President Vladimir Putin urgently convened his top security officials and expressed his condolences to the American people over the terrorist attacks that hit the United States on Tuesday.

"After receiving reports about terrorist attacks on the United States, the president held an emergency meeting with the heads of the power ministries, they were given corresponding orders," Putin spokesman Alexei Gromov said in a statement, without elaborating.

Putin was watching the developments on television as they unfolded, the Kremlin press service said.

The Russian Transport Ministry suspended all flights to the United States in the wake of the attacks.

Russia's largest airline Aeroflot will divert a New York-bound flight already in the air to a Canadian airport, likely Montreal, an airline spokeswoman said. A later flight from Moscow to Chicago may be turned around or set down in Canada as well, she said.

Russia took "several anti-terrorism measures" in response to the attacks, Interfax cited Air Defense Force spokesman Alexander Drobyshevsky as saying, without elaborating.

The Russian Interior Ministry heightened security around all major government buildings and put troops on increased alert around the country, the head of the Interior Ministry troops Vyacheslav Tikhomirov was quoted as saying.

The Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said it was ready to offer rescuers or other help in the disasters, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The Russian government said the battle with terrorism must be fought "everywhere around the world without the slightest weakening," the deputy head of the Russian government administration, Andrei Vdovin, was quoted by Interfax as saying.

Russian television was running live unscheduled footage of the attacks.

The U.S. Embassy said it was monitoring the situation but did not immediately evacuate.

China condemns terrorist attacks

By Christopher Bodeen
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BEIJING (AP) – China expressed "deep shock" and condemnation Wednesday at the apparent terrorist attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center buildings and damaged the Pentagon, and President Jiang Zemin conveyed his sympathies to Americans and their government.

The Chinese government also expressed "grave concern" at the safety of its citizens in the United States and ordered its diplomats there to "immediately take action to give all our injured compatriots all forms of necessary assistance."

The statement, from Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao, was faxed to news organizations early Wednesday.

"We express deep shock over the serious attacks in Washington and New York that caused such heavy casualties," it said. "The Chinese government consistently condemns and opposes all forms of violent terrorist activity."

According to the statement, Jiang conveyed "deep sympathy" to U.S. President George W. Bush, the American people and the families of the victims.

Outside the U.S. Embassy in Beijing on Tuesday night, security was increased about three hours after the initial crash.

Plainclothes Chinese police officers patrolled outside the main compound, joining the usual Chinese green-uniformed security personnel standing guard at the gate. U.S. Marine guards patrolled the grounds inside the compound.

Chinese state television's midnight news showed extensive footage of the disaster accompanied by an audio report from its correspondent in Washington. It also reported condemnations of the attack from the world's leaders and aired a small segment on previous terrorism directed at the United States.

CAMPUS NEWS

Dining hall meets, exceeds fire safety requirements

Photo by Heidi Krieger

There is ample seating in the cafeteria.

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Students returning to campus this fall found many changes: an empty TUB, mountains of dirt, and less space in which to maneuver in the dining hall. In order to make room for the relocated grille and snack bar in McGinness, about half the tables and chairs were moved to Duff.

To accommodate students in the grille and snack bar area, about 60 seats were added. The tables and chairs that were formerly there were moved to Duff, which now contains about 300 seats. The McGinness side seats about 130.

Although 300 seats in Duff may seem like a lot, it is not even close to what is considered dangerous for fire safety conditions. According to page 353 of *The Life Safety Code Handbook*, which is used by Assistant Dean of Student Affairs John Lechner, in a room under 10,000 square feet, which Duff is, a minimum of five square feet per person is required. In other words, even if all 300 seats in Duff were filled, its approximate 3,600 square feet are more than double the requirement.

Although there is less space for the same number of dining hall seats, most students are not experiencing problems. "I really have not had any trouble finding space to eat," said sophomore Erin Chittock. "They're trying their best, and it's not permanent. We'll eventually have a new student union."

Junior Craig Guthoerl has not noticed any negative changes in the new dining situation. "I go during off-peak hours, like I do every year, and that makes it a more enjoyable experience," he said. "And I've always enjoyed the variety of the food and the self-serve ice cream."

Director of dining services, Jeff Creveling commented on the lack of complaints. "Everyone has been really patient. They realize it is the best solution and that it is only short term," Creveling said. "We had some long lines on the first day of class and the day before it, but people are starting to spread out gradually, as they always do, and it's only crowded during certain times between classes."

Senior Marie Myers noticed the increased crowds. "It's particularly crowded at lunchtime, around 11:30," she said. Her only other complaint was not crowd-related. "Bring back the little pizzas in the grille."

Sophomore Nate Zuzack suggested using another building to ease the crowds. "They should have opened up Russell for an alternate cafeteria, or put the TUB there," Zuzack said. "I realize that the machinery there is not working, but they could have worked on that this summer. They knew this construction would cause problems, and they could have been better prepared to handle them...but we'll survive."

Senior Amy Balderach appreciates the innovative ways in which the dining hall has been improved, but has one suggestion. "The new water cooler is nice, but it would be more effective if it were filled with water."

Parking situation to improve with reopening of Phys. Plant lot

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

It's one of the few non-academic aspects of Westminster life that almost every student wrestles with on a daily basis: campus parking. Every time we leave campus, we run the risk of not finding a parking spot when we return. It's something students have always griped about, but many feel it has reached epic proportions since construction of the new campus center began this summer.

Indeed, construction has had an effect on the parking situation. Dean of Security John Lechner said that as of April 2001, the college had 858 paved parking places. The gravel lot, located next to the Phi Kappa Tau house, holds approximately 50 cars. This comes to a total of about 908 parking spots on campus.

The construction has claimed seven spots behind Freeman Hall, 10 spots in front of the TUB, and about 40 in front of Shaw.

In addition, the construction in the physical plant lot caused the temporary loss of about 60 spaces.

This makes for a total of 127 lost spaces on campus due to construction.

Out of 908, that may not seem like too much, but it's enough to cause headaches during a thunderstorm.

Lechner couldn't give an exact number for the demand for parking, but set it at about 1,140, based the number of permits sold last year.

Lechner was quick to stress that this doesn't mean there are 1,140 people scrambling around campus at the same time looking for a spot.

"The parking demand is staggered. A large portion of this number are faculty and support staff, and the majority of them park only during the day," Lechner said.

Regardless, the parking problem has swelled. It won't be like this forever though. Physical plant lot construction is slated to end soon. When it does, we will gain the 60 spaces we lost as well as 36 additional spaces.

Also, when campus center construction ends in the spring of 2002, we will regain all the Shaw spaces as well as six spaces on Orchard Street.

The college has a few other plans to create additional parking. Among these are the proposals to pave the gravel lot, which would create more room, and to connect the Eichenauer and Russell lots. The college also plans to eventually turn the field outside Russell into a parking lot. The college has not set a definite date for those plans.

"Before we do a project like that, we need to accommodate the users of those places," Lechner said.

In the meantime, Lechner advises students to use their cars only to go home and to socialize. In addition, he said the borough streets are available for parking all day except between the hours of 3 to 6 a.m.

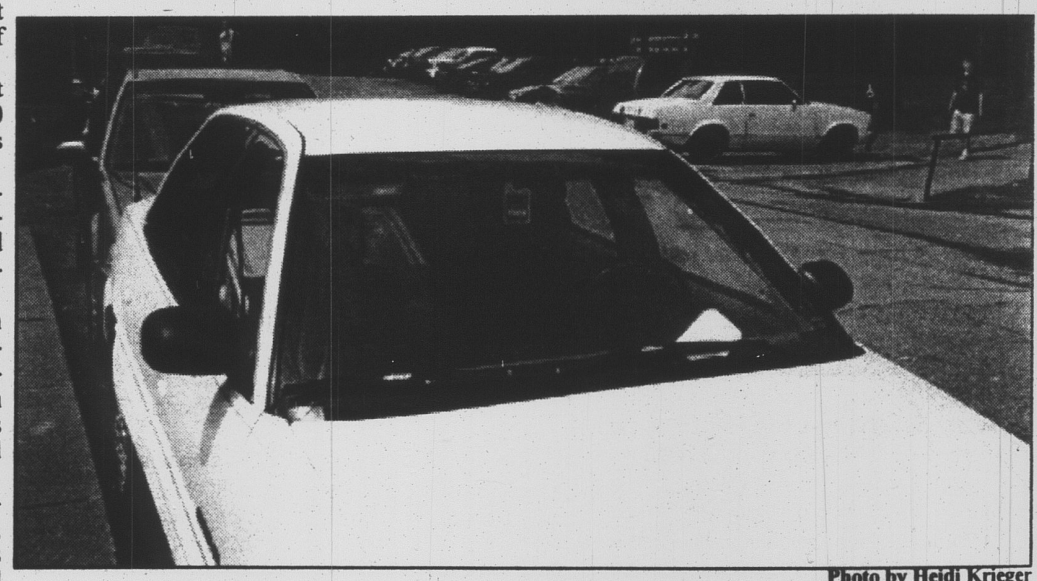

Photo by Heidi Krieger

This car was ticketed the first week of school while illegally parked on the street outside Galbreath.

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turn people away at the door.

Senior Allison McCormick went to the blood drive and was able to give blood after waiting for six hours. "I wasn't going to go home without doing what I went there to do," she said.

McCormick said she went because she didn't want to just sit and watch the news; she wanted to do what she could. "The least I could do is sit for six hours and give blood," she said.

Sophomores Loren Altenhof and Terra Dobbins waited for two and a half hours to give blood, but upon the news that they would have to wait another two and a half, they decided instead to donate at the school drive in October.

Junior Jessica Borchart also went to donate blood, but left because of the wait.

"I think it's really cool that America's pulling together to benefit the ones that were hurt," she said. Borchart still plans to give blood, but will wait until October or another drive.

DeCaprio said well over 300 people came to the drive, but they didn't have enough collection staff. He said 136 people are already signed up for a drive next at St. Mary's.

DeCaprio stressed that students should donate at the school drive in October. "This is something that's ongoing," he said. Burn victims will have a number of surgeries and will need blood weeks and months from now.

Health Center Director, Judith Duda, said that the recovery from burns is a long process which may need surgeries or grafts. Duda also said it's important to donate later because blood cannot be kept for a long time.

The next campus blood drive will be held on October 11 at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church from Noon until 6 p.m.

Marching band to perform at games and festivals

By Alicia Richie
STAFF WRITER

The Titan Marching Band has a whole new string of performances lined up for this year.

This year's marching band consists of 120 members including 91 musicians, 15 dance line people, 12 flag line members and two field commanders. Of the musicians, 35 are freshmen. The president of the organization is junior Heather Burns.

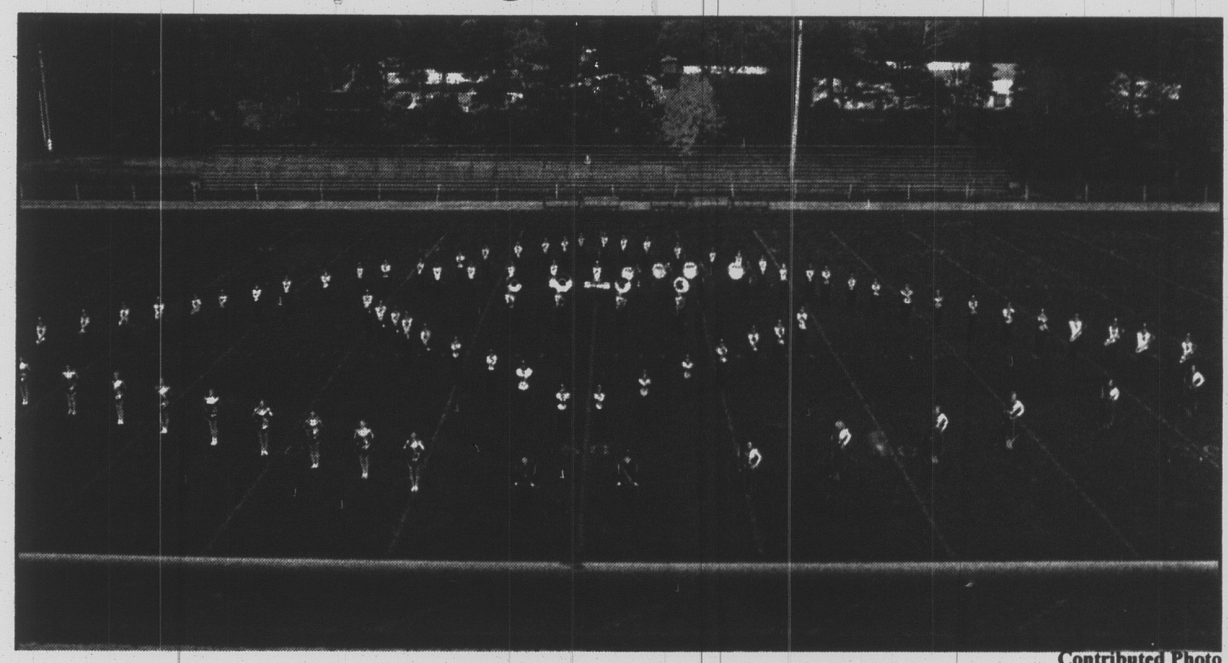
A week before the start of classes, members of the marching band came back early for training camp. They practiced about eight hours a day and ended the week with a trip to Kennywood. Now that classes have begun, the band practices on Mondays and Wednesdays for about an hour and a half each day.

Tad Greig, band director and instructor of music explains that, "In terms of marching band, we always try to choose a program that is diverse, energetic and entertaining. It is our hope that someone will find a type of music that they enjoy." He also adds that, "The band focuses on marching precision."

Teamwork and cooperation are two key elements in any performance. When the band is in uniform, it acts not as 120 individuals but as one unit. Like any other organization or sports team, when one person is not where they are supposed to be at a certain time, it becomes very obvious to those watching.

Sophomore Diana Rodenhausen plays the marching french horn in the band. "Band has been a good experience to learn about teamwork and cooperation and an appreciation for music," Rodenhausen said.

A few selections have already been chosen for their performances. Those numbers include "Mr. Tambourine Man" by Bob Dylan, "Eleanor Rigby" by the Beatles and "Shaft" by Isaac Hayes.



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Last year's marching Titans.

The marching band performances this year include the four home football games, the first starting on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 1 p.m. against West Liberty State.

They will later be the guest performing band at three high school festivals: Carlyngton Band festival, located at Carlynton High School in Pittsburgh on Sept. 22, Lawrence County Band Festival at Union High School on Sept. 26, and the Sto-Rocks Marching Band Festival, which is also in Pittsburgh on Sept. 29. Additionally, the band will be performing in the homecoming parade on campus and possibly one other activity here.

Volunteer fair helps students fulfill service requirement

By Sarah Martin
STAFF WRITER

The Volunteers in Service and Action (VISA) Fair was held Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Old 77.

The room was full of students in search of an activity to satisfy their community service requirement. In such a case, the Visa Fair is extremely helpful. As sophomore Stacy Oprisu states, "It brings the opportunity right to you. It is much easier than going out on your own and searching for a project."

Other students there to fulfill class requirements also found the array of activities extremely helpful.

One of the booths present was Adopt-a-Grandparent. This program has been running for nearly 20 years. In this program, students visit the elderly at the Shenango Home, go to social events, write notes and form inter-generational friendships. Many students continue to visit their Grandparents long after their community service requirement is up and some visit long past graduation.

Many students sign up for an activity with good intentions, but very few actually show up and volunteer. "Students being regular in performing the service is one of the main problems in such a program," said Activity Director Sharyn McCaskey for the Adopt-a-Grandparent Program. Naturally, there are schedule conflicts and students have many responsibilities, but she is hoping to turn things around this year.

Many of the students that start out with the VISA program do stick with it in the long run. This is the greatest part of the program according to Assistant Chaplain Keturah Laney, who organized the event. Most of the students also enjoy the activity they pick and it becomes more than just a college/class requirement. It becomes a learning and growing experience and can change lives forever.

There has been a lot of success with the VISA Fair over the years and it continues to grow. This year there were 14 different programs. There were Community Youth Programs such as the Sankey Youth Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters that works with Cray Youth and Family Services in New Castle, Girl Scouts and Mothers of Preschoolers. Among the booths were also activities such as Habitat for Humanity, tutoring programs and Church Ministry Programs.

These are not the only activities that are available to students. Anyone can go to the Chapel Office to find out about other opportunities. There will also be another chance in the spring for those who did not get the chance to sign up for something this fall.

Tradition of classes on Labor Day to continue

By Elizabeth Adams
STAFF WRITER

The first Monday in September means different things to different people. To some it is a nationally sanctioned holiday. To others, it's a day to bid farewell to white summer sandals until Memorial Day. But to the students and faculty at Westminster, it was just another day of work and attending classes.

Labor Day, conceived by America's labor unions as a testament to their cause, was first suggested by Peter J. McGuire, founder of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters over 100 years ago. It is celebrated in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, the Virgin Islands and Canada.

In the past, classes were postponed until after the holiday. This caused the semester to run past winter break, which meant students would return to the college in January to take their first semester finals before beginning the new semester. In order to have a longer and more relaxed winter break, classes now begin at the end of August and run through Labor Day.

President Williamson said, "Committees over the years have wanted to preserve the continuity of activity during the early part of the semester, thus avoiding a 'herky-jerky' experience for students during these important first days in class."

Ericka Peterson, a junior neuroscience major, is disappointed that the holiday is not recognized on campus.

"I was the only one of my family and friends not home to celebrate Labor Day. My community goes all out for it, having parades and musical attractions. I'm looking forward to the many Labor Day celebrations I'll be involved in after I graduate," said Peterson.

Lori Stetson, a freshman business major, noticed widespread negativity on Labor Day among the students on campus.

"I'm not used to having school on Labor Day, so it was kind of weird attending classes. There were a lot of unhappy people on campus last Monday," Stetson said.

The students weren't the only ones who had to show up for class.

Associate History Professor Verena Botzenhart said, "The professors commemorated Labor Day not only by working dedicatedly in their professions, but also used the afternoon to get to know each other better. Faculty, staff, and their families spread out blankets, burned burgers and played with water balloons on Gateway, the faculty housing compound. It was one of the best Labor Days I ever had."

Rodolfo Santanna, a senior International Business major from Brazil, put an international spin on the topic.

"Labor Day is just another day to me," said Santanna. "I really don't see the importance of having a day off for the occasion. It's a day to celebrate working, not an excuse to stay at home."

Whether you are for, against, or indifferent to the lack of recognition Labor Day receives, it doesn't look as though it's going to change anytime soon.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

H.J. Heinz Company reports $200 million profit in first quarter

By MIKE CRISSEY
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ Foodmaker H.J. Heinz Co. reported a $200 million profit in the first quarter, citing increased sales of its colored ketchup and recovering tuna profits.

Heinz's earnings were slightly down from $204 million in the first quarter last year, which included an accounting change, but met analysts' expectations reporting 61 cents a share, excluding special items. Including special items, Heinz reported earnings of $200 million, or 57 cents a share.

"New product successes, such as Heinz EZ Squirt condiments, and StarKist pouch tuna and strong sales for some of our big brands contributed to our first-quarter performance," said William R. Johnson, chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Although tuna sales were flat, the company said sales of its new pouch tuna bolstered poor canned tuna sales.

Heinz continued to see strong numbers from its flagship product, ketchup.

The foodmaker in July added purple to its ketchup spectrum and the company reported a 56.1 market share, up from 51.2 percent in the fourth quarter.

The company also announced it would increase prices 3 percent across the entire company this year to offset declining margins.

David Nelson, an analyst with First Boston Corp., cautioned that Heinz's sales were stagnant or declining in some areas and the price hikes could stymie growth.

"This is an environment where there is very little pricing, anyone who goes too far, too fast opens the door," Nelson said. "[Neither] Heinz nor anyone is going to be able to grow their way through pricing."

Nelson said Heinz's prediction of a rebound in the second half of the year echoed what the company expected last year, but didn't materialize.

Last year, Heinz's earnings dropped more than half to $478 million, or $1.36 a share, down from $890.6 million, or $2.47 a share, a year earlier. Revenue was stable, rising slightly to $9.43 billion from $9.41 billion.

"There are some good things going on, but there are clearly enough bad things going on that offset those positives," Nelson said, adding that Heinz's pet foods, U.S. tuna and European infant feeding businesses are still hurting.

Among Heinz brands are Heinz ketchup, StarKist tuna, Bagel Bites, Ore-Ida frozen potatoes and 9-Lives pet food.

Child dies after riding roller coaster at York County Fair

YORK, Pa. (AP) _ A child died after suffering internal injuries when a roller coaster stopped too suddenly, an official at a county fair said.

The child, whose name and age were not available Monday night pending notification of the family, died during an operation for internal injuries, York County Deputy Coroner Claude W. Stabley II said.

An autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday morning.

The child was riding the Flitzer roller coaster when "the brake stopped the ride too quickly," said Gene Schenck, vice president of the York Fair. Schenck said he was unsure if riders are held in the car with a seat belt, bar or other device.

Up to three people ride in a single car on the ride, instead of a train of cars. The ride lasts a minute or two and the track has tight turns and a short drop.

The ride was ending when the boy was hurt, Schenck said. The coaster stopped short, hurling the boy forward, he said.

At first, he said, the boy's injuries did not appear to be serious and he was taken to the fair's first-aid center. He was later taken to a hospital, where died about an hour after the accident, Stabley said.

Schenck said the ride was closed after the accident so state inspectors could examine it. The results of that inspection were not immediately known.

The ride was reopened, Schenck said, and then closed down again after officials learned of the child's death.

On Monday night, police officers and local officials interviewed witnesses of the accident.

The last death at the York Fair was in 1994, when a teen-ager was killed on a log flume ride. The death was ruled accidental.

Steelers off to rough start, blame all-around bad playing

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Same old scenario, same old Steelers.

Namely, a passing attack that couldn't go downfield, especially when they fall behind; the lack of a playmaker who can quickly turn an early deficit into a lead; and quarterback Kordell Stewart's erratic-as-ever play.

It may be a new season, but the Steelers' problems are the same as they were when they missed the playoffs the last three seasons.

Instead of getting off to the good start they envisioned, their next three games are against Cleveland, Buffalo and Cincinnati, they're starting from behind again, just as they did in going 0-3 last year. That bad start wound up costing the Steelers the playoffs.

There's still plenty of time for a reversal, and to right what went wrong during a decisive 10-minute stretch of the second quarter in which Jacksonville scored all of its points Sunday in a soggy 21-3 victory.

But what stood out, even to the Steelers themselves, was how the loss magnified everything that went wrong as they missed the playoffs the last three seasons.

"You want names? I can give you names," running back Jerome Bettis said Monday. "I can give you 11 names. We all stunk."

There wasn't much disagreement.

"It was disappointing, I think, more than shock," tight end Mark Bruener said. "You prepare all of training camp, then we had a great week of work. It's just disappointing when you can't execute on Sunday."

The loss also illustrated the problems a run-dominated team like the Steelers have when trying to play catch-up.

"We're a running team, and when the running game's not going it's hard for us to set up the passing game," wide receiver Hines Ward said. "It's hard to pass the ball if we can't run."

"We want to keep the chains moving, mix it up. Last year, when we did go long and deep we'd end up in third-and-10. This year, we're trying to work from short to long and get three, four yards a play. When the running game gets stuffed, it's hard."

Bettis wouldn't blame the passing game's inconsistencies for the running game's problems, but said, "Last year, the passing game wasn't quite there but we were still able to run the football. Our approach can't waver. I'm confident we'll get it going."

As much punishment as they took physically--a half-dozen players were carted off the field--the Steelers seemed more concerned with how they will bounce back mentally.

Of those injured, only wide receiver Will Blackwell (torn knee ligament) is likely to be sidelined long. He could miss the rest of the season.

Jury awards $37 million in premature birth hospital lawsuit

PHILADELPHIA (AP) _ A Common Pleas Court jury awarded $37 million in a lawsuit against a hospital and three doctors over the premature birth of a boy five years ago.

Jurors deliberated for part of Friday and five hours Monday before settling on the award to Joseph Fallon and his parents. The 12-member panel agreed that the doctors and hospital were liable, but only 10 of them agreed on the amount.

Attorneys said Karen Fallon was 23 weeks pregnant when she called the office of her obstetrician several times about various problems but was told there was nothing to worry about, said her attorney, James E. Beasley.

An emergency Caesarean section was done, and there were then problems with a breathing tube, Beasley said. He said the child suffered mild retardation and a breakdown of his bowel, requiring him to be on a feeding tube.

"He has never had solid food, and he never will," Beasley said.

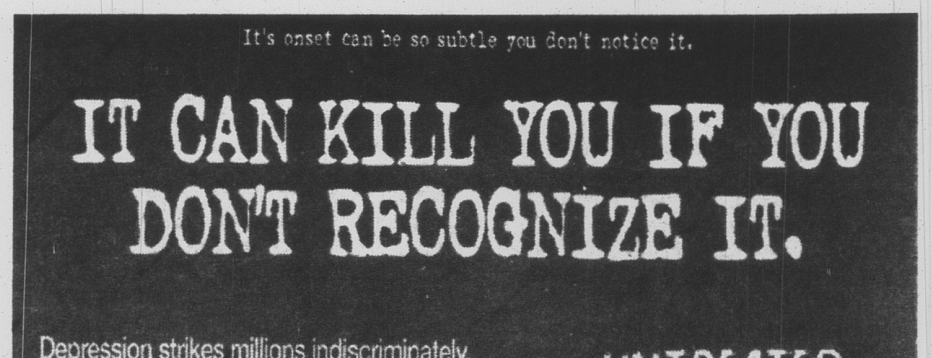
Joseph Fallon was awarded $30 million in damages, while his parents Michael and Karen Fallon were awarded $7 million. Prior to the verdict, Lower Bucks Hospital, found to be 31 percent at fault, agreed to pay $7.2 million.

The remaining $29.8 million will be apportioned among the other defendants. The 12-person jury found neonatologist Dr. Mahesh Patel 39 percent responsible, Dr. Jerrold Snyder 25 percent responsible and Dr. David Podrasky 5 percent responsible.

Snyder's attorney, Naomi A. Plakins, said the dollar amount her client could be liable for had been capped by a pretrial agreement at a low amount, which she said she could not name.

"Dr. Snyder was not negligent at all," Plakins said. "It's extremely difficult to argue pure science in the face of a sympathetic child and an injury to the child. I think (the jurors) were all very good people, but I think science did not prevail, sympathy did."

Patel's attorney, P.J. Stapleton, Podrasky's attorney, Donald J. Brooks Jr., and Lower Bucks Hospital attorney David J. Griffith did not immediately return calls seeking comment Tuesday.



NATIONAL

Stem cells in bone marrow found to manufacture blood

By Kate Moran
The Yale Herald (Yale U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Dr. Diane Krause, an associate professor of laboratory medicine and pathology at the Yale School of Medicine (YSM), grapples with issues of semantics. She balks if one describes her work as "adult" stem cell research, a label she insists is not scientifically precise.

"The public seems to have invented this term," she said. "We've been working on adult-derived stem cells for years and never called them that — we called them what they were. If we got them from the bone marrow, they were bone-marrow-derived stem cells; if we got them from the liver, they were liver stem cells."

Endorsed by scientists or not, the term "adult" stem cell does have a specific meaning. It is the ethically innocuous cousin of the embryonic stem cell, a controversial new research tool that has provoked reproach from anti-abortion and religious groups.

Stem cells, embryonic or otherwise, are the body's chameleons, able to transform into multiple kinds of tissue. Researchers have proven, for example, that bone marrow stem cells in adults can transform into heart and liver cells, while those in the skin can differentiate into brain, muscle, and fat cells. This versatility could prove invaluable for treating chronic conditions such as Parkinson's disease, diabetes and osteoporosis.

Embryonic stem cells are coveted by scientists because they are even more plastic — or adaptable — than those culled from adults. Yet until this summer, the government withheld federal funds from embryonic stem cell research because the process of harvesting the cells causes the embryos to die. Then on Thurs., Aug. 9, after months of consultation with researchers and ethicists alike, President George W. Bush lifted restrictions on federal dollars — but only for research on stem cell lines that had been created by the time of his decision. The National Institutes of Health (NIH), which distribute the funds, have estimated that some 60 stem cell lines around the world are available to federally financed researchers.

From the perspective of the last two decades, when federal money was entirely proscribed from research on human embryos, Bush's decision seems permissive. Daniel Kevles, Yale's Stanley Woodward Professor of History, called it "a step in a more liberal or more moderate direction. What he did was open the door — he opened it a crack." Still, Bush's position is decidedly more conservative than that of President Bill Clinton, who had proposed allowing federal dollars for embryonic stem cell research, as long as the actual extraction of the cells was not performed with government funds.

The decision "was politically savvy," Margaret Farley, the Gilbert L. Stark Professor of Christian Ethics at the Divinity School and co-chair of the Interdisciplinary Bioethics Project, said. "He tried to walk a thin line and not close [all research] off, but he also seemed not to change from what he promised his more conservative supporters. My own hunch is that he got lucky when he found out there were 60 or more cell lines — there's his solution."

But many scientists are skeptical that all of the 60-odd stem cell lines are viable. Some of the cell lines are owned by private firms, which have the power to restrict access or charge costly fees, and others have not been submitted to peer review and could be contaminated.

Krause, for one, has no intention of pursuing research with human embryonic stem cells, although she has been experimenting with plasticity in mouse and bone marrow stem cells for some time.

This year, she and Dr. Neil Theise of the New York University School of Medicine proved that stem cells in bone marrow can manufacture blood as well as a variety of other cells. They transplanted a single male-derived bone marrow stem cell into a female mouse and traced it through its Y chromosome, which is not found in females. They later found Y chromosomes in the blood — and the liver, skin, and lungs.

"That was the first proof that there is a population of cells in the bone marrow that can make blood and other stuff," Krause said. "That's where you get the idea of plasticity — they can do so many different things."

Her research group later demonstrated the same was possible in humans.

Depression and anxiety on the rise among college students

By Leta Shy
Daily Californian

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Depression and anxiety disorders are rising among college freshmen, inciting psychologists to publicize steps colleges can take to help and treat depressed students.

The 2001 National Survey of Counseling Center Directors reports that 84 percent of student counseling directors are worried with the increase in the number of freshmen that arrive at college with severe psychological illnesses.

The American Psychological Association predicts that around 1.6 million incoming college freshmen will experience a depressive episode this year.

Dr. Robert Reichler, chief executive officer and medical director of the Pacific Institute of Mental Health in Seattle, links depression and anxiety among students to mounting stress and being alone in a strange place with little or no support.

"There is a lot being demanded" of today's college student, Reichler said. "The stress builds up."

Highly competitive colleges are especially vulnerable to high rates of depression among students, due to the correlation between psychological illness and perfectionism or over-achieving, Reichler said.

Symptoms of depression include persistent feelings of sadness, loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities, irritability, sleep disturbances, anxiety and marked changes in appetite.

Reichler said he also noticed a significant increase in freshman depression and anxiety cases around Thanksgiving, when the hectic first few months of moving in, choosing classes, and meeting new people slow down to reveal late assignments, heavier workloads and homesickness.

Reichler, who has also been a professor of psychiatry for 30 years the University of Washington and another institution, said more needs to be done in colleges around the United States about depression and anxiety awareness.

"Colleges need to do a better job by telling (incoming students) what to expect," he said.

UC-Berkeley presently trains and distributes pamphlets about psychological disorders to graduate student instructors, resident assistants, faculty and staff in order to prepare them to better handle certain situations with students.

Heightened awareness of the increase in college depression and anxiety is important because of the strong link between these disorders and suicide, Reichler said.

Suicide is now the third leading cause of death between 15- to 24- year-olds.

For students, getting through freshman year is crucial, Reichler said. Most freshmen experiencing the "first-year phenomenon" of being depressed feel better by spring.

They can also help themselves by seeking others who will understand and listen to their problems. "Dorms are ideal" for talking to peers because of their inherent social atmosphere, Reichler said.

"(Students) need to understand that (adjusting to college life) is a normal process," he said.

Class about gay issues causes controversy

By Rachel Green
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A University of Michigan English course that conservative groups decried as immoral use of taxpayer money is again meeting this semester but without the heated debate that surrounded it last year.

English 317, "How to be Gay: Male Homosexuality and Initiation," was attacked last fall by Republican candidates for the University Board of Regents, who argued that state money should not be spent "promoting" homosexuality.

But Prof. David Halperin said he had no doubts about re-listing his class in this fall's course guide.

"The course did enough of what I wanted it to do that I thought it was worth trying," Halperin said.

Halperin said he believes last year's course helped to bring attention to gay culture and its impact on literature.

"It moved my own thinking along in important ways and I learned a lot from the students in the class," he said.

When Halperin's class was listed in the Fall 2000 course guide, the American Family Association of Michigan complained that tax dollars were funding a class they said was morally objectionable. University Regent Dan Horning (R-Grand Haven) publicly condemned the class, even after secretly sitting in on the first meeting of the class for observation.

Gary Glenn, president of the American Family Association, said his group took aim at the course because it promotes a "dangerous lifestyle."

Glenn said he spoke with a member of University President Lee Bollinger's staff last year and was under the impression the class would not be offered again.

"I feel we were misled," Glenn said.

"We continue to believe that it is wrong that Michigan taxpayers, the overwhelming majority of which [sic] believe homosexual behavior is wrong, are being forced through their tax dollars to pay for a class that promotes such deadly behavior."

University spokeswoman Julie Peterson denied that anyone told Glenn the class was canceled.

Halperin said the class is not designed to convert students to homosexuality but rather to allow them to study the topic in an academic setting.

Halperin also defended the course's title, which some people felt was too explicit and inflammatory.

"I didn't choose it to get attention, I chose it for the sake of truth in advertising. It's exactly what the class is about," Halperin said.

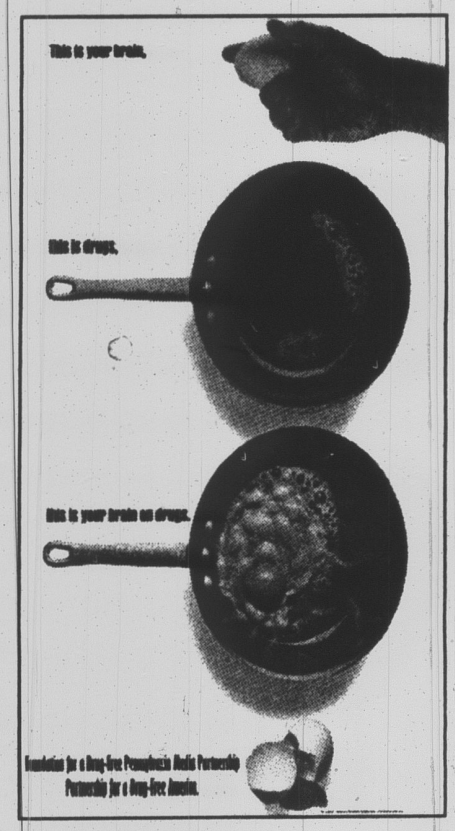
LSA senior Shiseida Hughes said she registered for the course because of work she had done in a sociology course.

"This class just sounded really interesting, and I didn't let the controversy about it bother me," Hughes said.

"I wrote a paper on homosexuality last year and it really opened my mind," she said. "I wanted some more writing experience on the topic."

Serra said he is proud of the University's decision to offer English 317, and that he hopes other departments like those in the Law School and the Medical School will soon open classes that deal with homosexuality.

"It's wonderful that the English department was the first to have the courage to teach this kind of class," he said. "We need more classes that address gay issues."



Michael Jordan continues to debate return to basketball

CHICAGO (AP) _ Michael Jordan all but confirmed Monday he would return to play in the NBA and said the world will know for sure within 10 days.

In a 30-minute conversation with The Associated Press and reporters for *The Chicago Sun-Times* and cnnsi.com, Jordan said the news conference to announce his decision would be held in Washington, D.C., by the middle of next week.

Asked whether he was definitely coming back, Jordan smiled slyly. A moment later, he looked up and said, "I'm doing it for the love of the game. Nothing else. For the love of the game."

Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to six championships, has worked out all summer preparing for the expected comeback with the Washington Wizards. He is president of basketball operations for the team and a part owner, meaning he has to divest his ownership under NBA rules before returning to the court.

Jordan has tested himself and his game repeatedly in scrimmages against top-caliber NBA players, with league referees officiating. The only question remaining is whether the tendonitis in his right knee would limit his effectiveness.

Jordan, however, said the knee was sound. If it remains that way over the next few days, he said, "I'll be ready to go."

Reached by *The Washington Post* later Monday for comment that he has all but decided to return, Jordan said, "I didn't say that. I have not said it."

This would be the second comeback for the 38-year-old Jordan.

He stunned the basketball world by retiring in October 1993, saying he had nothing left to prove in basketball and wanted to give baseball a try. He played a season of Double-A ball for the Chicago White Sox team in Birmingham, Ala., but returned to the Bulls in March 1995.

In the half-hour conversation on a curb outside his restaurant, Jordan dropped the conditional tense for the first time since acknowledging in April that he was serious about coming back.

"I want to play for years," he said.

But Jordan made clear he wasn't coming back to fulfill any expectations but his own.

"Winning isn't always championships. What's wrong with helping kids find their way, teaching them the game?"

"The West Wing" projected to triumph at Emmy Awards

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ Political intrigue, death and deceit make the Bartlet White House a tough place to work--and the leading candidate for Emmy victory.

In this nonpartisan race, we're predicting "The West Wing" will triumph at the 53rd Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, perhaps matching its own record of nine trophies set last year.

HBO's mob drama "The Sopranos" received 22 nominations this year to "The West Wing's" 18 bids, but the NBC drama has top honors including best drama series and best actor in its sights.

The awards ceremony, which was scheduled to air Sunday on CBS, was postponed indefinitely after terrorist attacks Tuesday on New York's World Trade Center and on the Pentagon.

Ellen DeGeneres will host the ceremony, during which 27 awards in acting, directing and writing categories will be presented.

"The West Wing" already won four Emmys at a creative arts ceremony last week, including awards for casting, cinematography, editing and sound mixing. "The Sopranos" claimed a single award, for makeup.

In this new golden age of TV dramas, weighing the chances of such superb shows can be difficult. But "The West Wing" clearly deserves re-election as top TV series.

It built on its first-year excellence with a high-powered story arc about President Bartlet's decision to hide a debilitating illness. It made the most of its talented ensemble cast while giving Martin Sheen, as the president, the chance for a memorable star turn.

A "West Wing" triumph would add a professional grace note to a difficult personal year for series creator Aaron Sorkin, who pleaded guilty in a drug possession case in June and entered a diversion program.

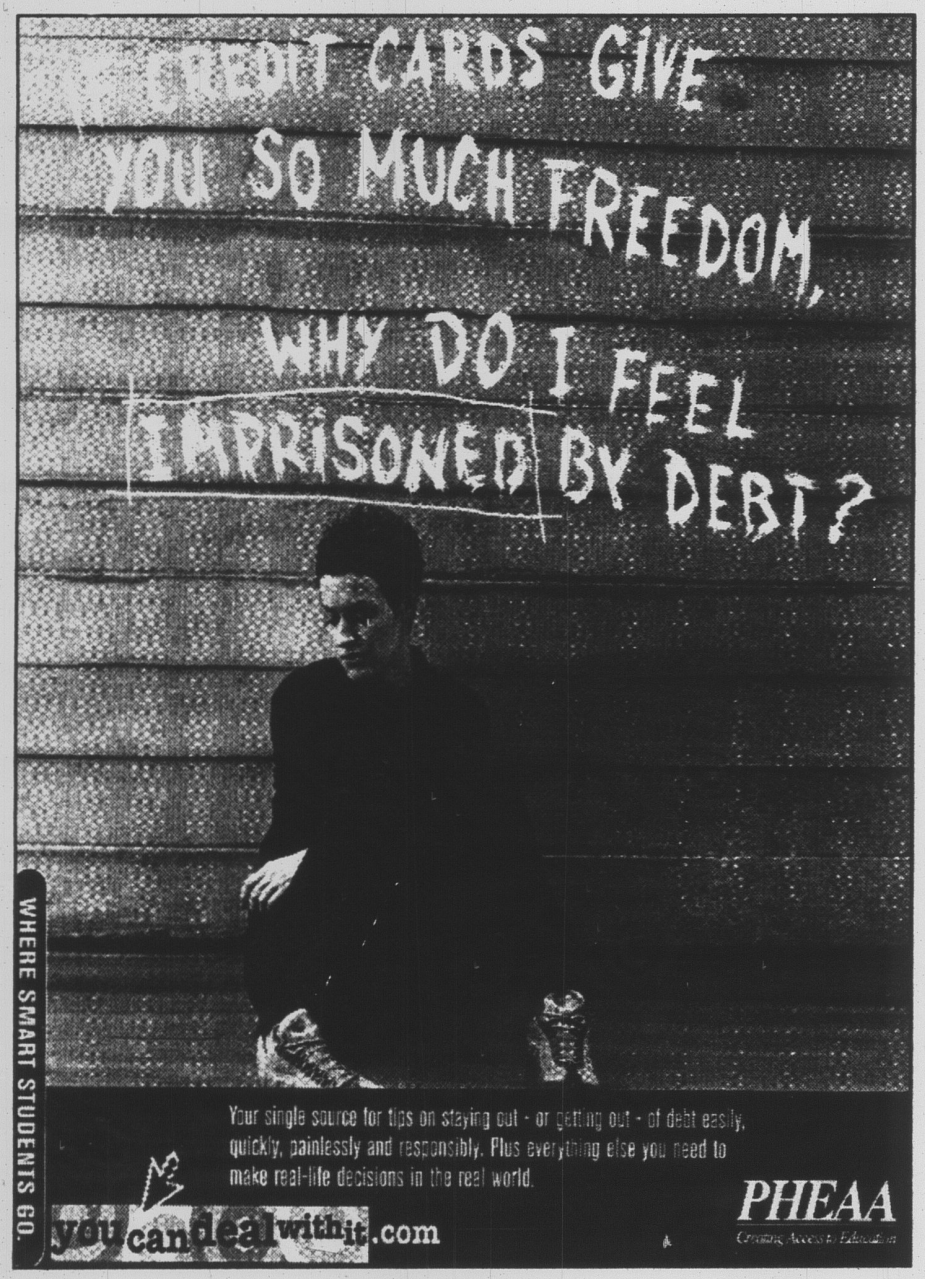
There were standout "Sopranos" episodes and performances--especially from its leading ladies--but the stakes and the drama didn't seem as high this season for mob boss Tony Soprano. Relatively conservative Emmy voters also are more likely to snub the violent, sexually vivid show in favor of the more staid "The West Wing."

Another factor weighing against "The Sopranos": No cable entry has claimed the best drama or best comedy series prize, and it's unlikely the network TV bias will be broken this year with a strong entry like "The West Wing."

It wasn't until 1999, in fact, that "The Sopranos" become the first cable series to even gain a nomination as best drama.

We're not alone in our predictions. Fellow TV observers at the Web site www.Goldderby.com, which handicaps Hollywood contests, give 2 to 5 odds for "The West Wing" in both the drama and best actor categories. The odds are 3 to 1 for a "Sopranos" best series win and 4 to 1 for James Gandolfini as best actor.

Among comedy series, "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Malcolm in the Middle" are ranked as Goldderby leaders with 3 to 2 odds. Last year's winner, "Will & Grace," comes in at 3 to 1.



Michael Jackson performs in U.S. for first time in decade

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) _ Michael Jackson's 30-year career as solo artist has encompassed everything from the truly brilliant to the utterly bizarre. The same could be said about his star-studded anniversary concert--a surreal, yet undeniably captivating evening.

Friday's concert--the first of two shows at Madison Square Garden--marked Jackson's first performance on U.S. soil in more than a decade, during which time he's seen his once-dominant presence on the American music scene decline.

But if there was any doubt about Jackson's star power, it was erased as a capacity crowd--some of whom had paid up to 2,500 per ticket--waited anxiously for a glimpse of the King of Pop. Though the night's lineup included the likes of Britney Spears, Destiny's Child, Ray Charles and Liza Minnelli, it was Jackson who created the most frenzy, even before uttering a single note.

When Jackson made his way to his seat, dressed in a white, glittery jacket with his favorite accessory--Elizabeth Taylor--on his arm, he drew crazed screams and applause so intense it drowned out Samuel Jackson as he introduced the night's first performance.

The concert kicked off with two of R&B's brightest young stars, Usher and Mya, singing Jackson's "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin" in an extravagant, jungle-themed dance number.

Jenna Bush convicted of underage drinking due to prior underage violation

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) The underage drinking case against President Bush's daughter Barbara will be wiped from the 19-year-old's record now that she has completed community service and other requirements, a city spokeswoman said.

Bush had pleaded no contest in June to a charge of minor in possession of alcohol. She completed eight hours of community service at Goodwill, attended an alcohol awareness class, paid $100 in court fines and stayed out of trouble for three months, city spokeswoman Patty Gonzales said. The case was dismissed Monday.

Bush, who attends Yale University, and her twin sister, Jenna, who attends the University of Texas, were ticketed after their visit to a Mexican restaurant in Austin in May.

Jenna was fined $600 in July and her driver's license was suspended for 30 days. She pleaded no contest to trying to use someone else's ID to buy liquor in the May incident and a judge convicted her of underage drinking in an April incident.

For trying to use someone else's ID, Jenna Bush was ordered to pay $100 in court fees, perform 36 hours of community service and attend a session where victims of alcohol-related crimes discuss their experiences. She has until Oct. 6 to complete the requirements and the charge could be dismissed.

However, Jenna Bush's underage drinking charge will go on her record as a conviction because of the restaurant violation. Community Court Judge Elisabeth Earle fined Jenna Bush $500 and suspended her license for that charge.

HEALTH

The health center offers hints for healthy dorm life

By Teale Ganster
STAFF WRITER

Do your meals consist of Ramen noodles, popcorn or EasyMac? Are you getting less than eight hours of sleep each night? If so, continue reading for helpful hints about staying healthy while living in the dorms.

Before becoming accustomed to an unhealthy lifestyle, students should take into consideration that having a balanced diet is necessary. It is possible to obtain a variety of foods in the school cafeteria. There, one can always find different types of bread and pasta, vegetables, fruits, dairy products and meats. Drinking plenty of water is also part of a balanced diet. Health Center Director Judith Duda says, "Even mild dehydration can weaken your immune system."

In addition to eating a balanced diet and drinking water, getting enough rest each night is important. Procrastination may lead to all-night cram sessions, but every time students fail to get enough sleep, their immune systems become weaker. A weak immune system makes it easier to develop illnesses, such as the flu or mono.

Senior Danielle Perfetti knows what it is like to acquire mono. During her sophomore year, she contracted mono and knows how important it is for everyone to be health-conscious. She advises students to "Realize you're not invincible; eat healthy, get enough sleep, and don't screw up your sleeping patterns."

Getting enough rest, however, doesn't mean sleeping all day. The average amount of sleep a college student should get is eight hours a night.

Too much stress can also weaken the immune system. Moderate exercise provides energy and shapes a positive attitude. Becoming involved in activities contributes to physical and mental well-being and decreases the level of stress caused by school work.

Duda suggested some other tips for staying healthy throughout the year. "Wash your hands frequently, don't share cups (especially at parties), keep your skin moist during cold months, and take a daily multi-vitamin," Duda says.

Sharing drinks spreads diseases on college campuses

By Nancy Wicks
STAFF WRITER

Your study group gets together and you don't have enough glasses for everyone. You're at a party and someone asks to taste your drink. At times like these, it may not seem like you are at a risk, but sharing your glass poses serious dangers.

For a college student whose resistance may be down from lack of sleep and home-cooked meals, a common cold, sore throat and cough could last for weeks. This can lead to falling behind in class, sitting out for a team sport and missing out on the all-important campus social scene.

"I get sick easily and when someone asks me if they could have a sip of my drink, I am reluctant to oblige," senior Courtney Panik said. "A college student's lifestyle usually isn't a healthy one; typing a paper in the computer lab until 2 a.m., eating popcorn and Ramen noodles for dinner and going out to fraternity houses three nights a week wears the body down."

Sophomore Aaron Detwiler said, "My freshman year I got sick all the time from sharing drinks. Now I try to avoid giving someone my drink."

Senior Jami White said that she only shares with her friends and that depends on if they are sick or not.

To prevent illness, students should wash their hands frequently, eat a well- balanced diet, get an adequate amount of sleep, avoid direct contact with infected individuals and not drink from others' glasses.

The college supports this advice. Athletic teams try to promote healthy choices thus decreasing the risk of sickness among players. "Each player on the women's tennis team has her own water bottle, making it easier to monitor fluid consumption," S. Kipley Haas, professor and coach said. "Disease prevention is a concern with college students, especially infectious diseases such as mono and hepatitis."

Like the women's tennis team, the members of the women's basketball team also use their own bottles and are advised not to share.

Assistant Coach Rosanne Scott said, " Once someone gets sick, there is a domino effect. If you drink out of someone's bottle you would be the next one to get sick."

Sometimes students don't realize they put themselves at risk. Junior volleyball player Katie Spehar said, "When I come out of the volleyball game, the least of my concerns is whether or not I've found the right water bottle. It would be a very healthy idea to be more careful."

After three years of college life, senior Beth Staley lives by this drink-sharing rule. "I do not like to share, but if I had the only water bottle and someone was dying from thirst, I would give them some water. I would only drink out of the bottle again if I was also dying from thirst."

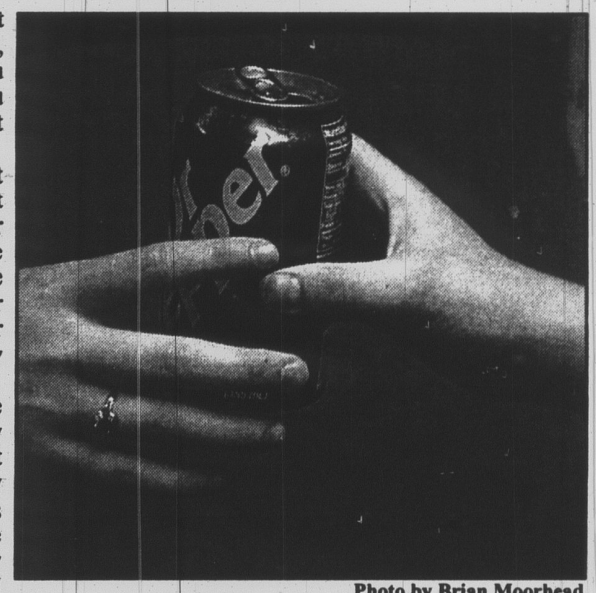


Photo by Brian Moorhead
Sharing drinks can spread diseases such as mono and hepatitis.

Protective shoes should always be worn in communal showers

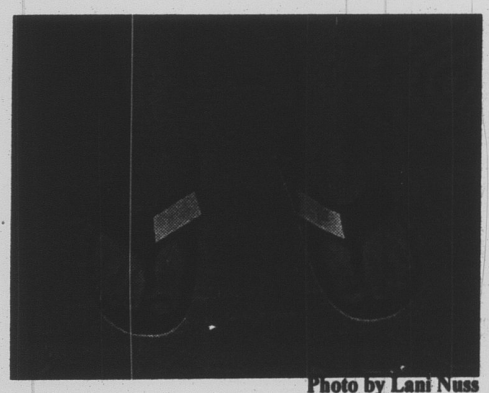


Photo by Lani Nuss
Shower shoes protect from fungus.

By Christopher Borst
STAFF WRITER

Every day students shower, and nearly all the showers on campus are communal to some degree. That means there are many feet sharing the same space. Health Center Director Judith Duda says there are many reasons students should wear protective shoes when they shower.

"The first thing I would like to mention is [the use of shower shoes] would most likely prevent slips or falls in the shower," Duda said. "But most importantly your skin is the first line of defense against viruses and bacteria and if there are any breaks in your skin you are exposing yourself to the warm and wet environment that certain bacteria and fungus thrive in."

While the showers are cleaned at least once a week, one of the most common risks a student might take by showering barefoot is contracting a case of athlete's foot. The signs of athlete's foot are drying skin, itching, scaling, inflammation and blisters. Blisters often lead to cracking of the skin. When a blister breaks, small raw areas of tissue are exposed, causing pain and swelling. Itching and burning may increase as the infection spreads. Since this skin disease is caused by a fungus, it is relatively easy to treat and poses no serious health threat. An over-the-counter ointment may be purchased at any drugstore to clear up the condition.

There are also some preventative measures to be taken to decrease the chances of contracting athlete's foot. Try not to walk barefoot in the bathroom. Wash feet daily. Dry feet thoroughly, especially between the toes. Wear socks that keep feet dry and change them frequently if perspiration has dampened the socks. It might also be helpful to use a quality foot powder daily.

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– The Environmental Protection Agency said it would lift summertime clean air gasoline requirements three days ahead of schedule to avert any possible shortages in supplies. Some consumers have been buffeted by price hikes.

– The Transportation Department said passengers who were diverted to Canada on Tuesday would be permitted to complete their journeys to their American destinations. The rest of the nation's air traffic system remained shut down, pending implementation of stricter security measures.

– Powell told reporters at the State Department he had been in touch with NATO officials about paving the way for an eventual international response to the attacks.

Bush's spokesman, Ari Fleischer, used words meant to soothe. "We believe the perpetrators have executed their plan and therefore the risks are significantly reduced," he said.

A mile (kilometer) or so from where he spoke, search and rescue teams worked in the remains of the portion of the Pentagon that collapsed on Tuesday, hit by a hijacked jetliner. Local hospitals reported 72 victims had been brought in for treatment. Some had been released, but nine were in critical condition, 24 hours after the plane struck.

Officials said they doubted they would find any additional survivors, and said the number of deaths could reach into the hundreds.

That would pale in comparison to the carnage in New York, where two more hijacked planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The buildings collapsed, with thousands feared lost.

Tourists strolled freely outside the White House on a beautiful late summer day. Federal agencies reopened, and likewise the Smithsonian museums along the Mall. And yet, in a sobering reminder of the attacks, military Humvees were stationed along city streets as the military police maintained a security presence.

There were other barriers to a return to normalcy.

Officials gave an order to evacuate the Pentagon, then rescinded it. And a noon target for reopening the nation's air traffic system passed without any announcement on when flights would resume.

In a day-after scare, employees at the Agriculture Department's main building along the National Mall were evacuated about 9 a.m. but were allowed back in an hour later. Reports of unidentified aircraft in Canadian airspace prompted the evacuation, Chris Gomez, deputy director of the department's office of operations, told employees.

Another U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there were three unidentified aircraft over Canada and the Canadian Air Force was tracking them, but added that the United States was not greatly concerned.

SPORTS

Titan football defeated by Walsh 17-10

By Brian Wilson
STAFF WRITER

The Titan gridders got off to a rocky start Saturday with a 17-10 defeat at the hands of Walsh University.

Walsh wasted no time, scoring on a 22-yard field goal on the first possession of the game.

Westminster answered early in the second quarter with a field goal of their own, a 26-yard boot by senior kicker Jon McCartney to tie the game at 3-3.

Coming out of the half, the Titan defense forced a fumble deep in Cavalier territory. Senior defensive end, Chris Roscoe, scooped-up the ball and charged 11 yards for the Titan's lone touchdown of the game.

With the fourth quarter opening at a 10-3 Westminster lead, the Cavalier back-up quarterback, Winston Woods, evened the score with a 42-yard touchdown pass to Dave Jenkins.

With 5:05 left on the clock, the Titan offence fumbled on a third down attempt. Walsh defensive back Mack Mitchell capitalized on the folly by covering 32-yards for the final score of the game.

Titan Football Players of the Week include sophomore Matt Robinson, senior Chris Roscoe and junior Joe Patoray.

Robinson threw for 50 percent, logging 180 yards on 16 completions in his first career start, earning offensive player of the week.

Roscoe set the standard on defense by compiling eight tackles, a sack, and two fumble recoveries, including one for a touchdown.

Running back Joe Patoray took the special teams honor by returning six punts for 21 yards and two kicks for 45.

A pair of freshmen showed promise for the future. Running back Scott Froelich piled-up 41 yards on 14 carries, while wide receiver Matt Steve snagged six receptions for 71 yards.

This weekend the Titans travel to Beaver Falls for a non-conference match against rival Geneva.

Women's soccer team falls to Otterbein 1-0

By Corrine Hoffman
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster Women's soccer team suffered their first loss of the season against Otterbein, and scored an impressive victory against Capital last weekend at the Capital University Classic.

Otterbein defeated the Titans 1-0 in the first round of the Capital University Classic on Sept. 8. The only goal was scored 56 minutes into the game. Sarah Morrison, goalkeeper, had seven saves.

The Titans defeated their host team on Sunday Sept. 9, 2-1 in overtime. Sharon Griffin tied the game in the second half. Westminster won the game six minutes into overtime when forward Tammy Newell, assisted by Danielle White, scored the game-winning goal.

The Titans began the season impressively by winning the championship at the Case Western Reserve University Invitational on September 1 and 2. The team finished with a 4-2 win over Heidelberg College, and a 4-1 win over their host team.

In the first game against Heidelberg forward Ashley Pyle and midfielder Ashley Tonks both scored two goals. Midfielder Erin Quinlan and Newell recorded assists. Sarah Morrison, had seven saves.

In the team's second game against Case Western Reserve, Newell and Megan Chovan each scored, and midfielder Laura Halford scored two goals. Newell and forward Alyssa Pyle recorded assists. Once again Morrison came through with seven saves.

Last year the Lady Titans went undefeated in their section racking up a total 72 goals versus three scored against them. This year the team is returning with nine of their former starters, and their top 11 scorers.

It is not surprising that Coach Tom Keller is expecting the team to come through with a terrific season. The team has a record number of seniors. This is actually the first time that the team has returned with more than one senior. This year's seniors are the first class that Keller recruited back in 1998.

Keller stated that, "The juniors and seniors are great role models" for the new girls. The new players are Angie DePasquale, Nicole Drummond, Katie Fisher, Jen Raub, Lisa Santorella, Melissa Schroder, Stephanie Toth, Emily Wagner, and Laura Vollmer.

One of the team captains, senior sweeper Carrie Mathers, talked about some of the team's strengths. "A lot of seniors make up a good portion of the team." Mathers also commented that "all of the girls really seem to click." She sees winning the first tournament as a good morale booster for the team. Mathers believes that the team will win PAC. Morrison agrees. "We should dominate our conference." She is also looking forward to what she believes will be, "a really great season."

Keller does not anticipate any big rivals within their section. He stated that the Titans in turn are "everyone's rival." The team's non-conference schedule will be more of a challenge.

Mathers encourages everyone to come and support the team. Westminster women's soccer had a great season last year. This year the team is returning with more experience and new players. The girls are already off to a good start with their record at 3-1. One can expect season from the Lady Titans that is even more exciting and impressive than before.

Lady Titans take first at Thiel Cross Country Invitational

By Ian Willard
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Sept. 8, Westminster competed at the Team Allegheny Cross Country Classic in Meadville. The Titans finished seventh out of eleven teams. A standout runner for the team was senior Jacob Gleason, who finished fourth out of 114 runners. He came in with a time of 27:31. Coming in second in the Westminster pack was sophomore Sean Gallagher, with a time of 28:44, earning him the 24th position.

The women's cross country team took first overall at the Thiel Cross Country Invitational in Greenville over the weekend. The Titans finished with 18 points, beating out Thiel, Pitt-Bradford and W&J. Taking first place for Westminster was senior Desiree Henry with an impressive time of 20:54. This was her second win in two weeks. Sophomore Sara Ialongo captured second with a time of 21:52. Overall, the team placed five runners in the top nine spots.

Titan netters start out strong

By Brian Wilson
STAFF WRITER

The Titan netters stand at 2-2 entering this weekend's John Carroll/Case Western Reserve Invitational Tournament.

The team last competed in the Mount Union Invitational, August 31- September 1, in Alliance, OH where they recorded wins over Carnegie Mellon University and St. Vincent College.

Women, sexism and sports

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

After years of sexism, women's sports have increased in support, funding and recognition throughout the years. Finally, the public is beginning to see athletic women as hard-working, determined competitors. This has been proven by the recent popularity of women's tennis compared to men's.

The final game of the U.S. Open, played last weekend between sisters Venus and Serena Williams, was shown on prime time television, a first for women's tennis. Nearly 23 million viewers watched at least part of Venus' victory Saturday night. It was the largest TV audience of any program Saturday night, including ABC Sports' coverage of No. 5 Nebraska's 27-10 win over No. 17 Notre Dame. The high numbers might prompt the U.S. Tennis Association and CBS to keep the women's final at night. It previously was played on Saturday afternoon, sandwiched between the men's semifinals.

In the historical match-up (the first title game between siblings in 117 years), Venus defeated her younger sister by a score of 6-2, 6-4. Williams vs. Williams attracted a capacity crowd of 23,023, which was littered with musicians, actors, former tennis stars, including Robert Redford, Katie Couric, Candice Bergen, Diana Ross, the Jacksons, Chris Tucker and Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. The monetary payoff was extreme as well, with Serena collecting a $425,000 consolation paycheck, while Venus earned $850,000 for the victory.

Women's sports, especially tennis, have been in the public eye before, but not for its extreme athleticism. Sex appeal, used to sell products and the sport, was the primary focus in the past. Lately, this has been put aside to focus on the athletes and their sport. Endorsements are going to the better athlete instead of the sexier body.

While men will always be faster, stronger, bigger, and tougher, women play with finesse and require more skill to overcome these handicaps. The public is realizing that women's sports are to be respected instead of criticized. Muscles on women such as the Williams sisters and Lisa Leslie of the WNBA, among other defined women, show that lifting weights and playing competitive sports is not just for the boys.

At Westminster, women's athletics is also earning the recognition it deserves. Almost all of the women's teams are successful in the PAC, along with victories against other competitive teams. Women work hard at practice and during the offseason to prevail at their sport. It is hoped this year that women and men's athletics will receive the support from the students and faculty by increased attendance at sporting events.

Check out www.westminster.edu/Athletics.index.html for more information and updates.

Germany cancels sports on Wednesday following tragedy

By Roy Kammerer
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BERLIN (AP)--Sporting events all across Germany were cancelled on Wednesday, following the shocking terrorism attacks in the United States, although weekend matches in the country's favorite sport of soccer will be played.

Germany's top soccer officials held a six-hour meeting Wednesday to debate whether to cancel Friday and Saturday's matches in the Bundesliga, the top soccer league.

But they decided to have players wear a black arm band and have a moment's silence observed before kickoff instead.

"The continuation of the games should be understood as a sign that cowardly attacks of this kind can't have a lasting effect on the civilized world's social and cultural structure," said Bundesliga president Werner Hackmann after the six hour meeting.

Germany's top hockey league, with numerous Americans and former NHL players under contract, also decided Wednesday to play its weekend games after pulling the plug on Tuesday and Wednesday matches.

German Cup matches in basketball have already been postponed, along with a triathlon, the German ski championships, first division matches in wrestling and handball and two horse races scheduled on Friday and the following Wednesday.

CART has tentative plans to go ahead with Saturday's German 500, the first race on European soil for the American open-wheeling racing series.

Two top soccer clubs, Borussia Dortmund and Schalke, both complained Wednesday about playing Champions League matches following the stunning events at New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The matches in Europe's top club competition were held on the orders of UEFA, the continent's soccer governing body.

"It was perverse of the UEFA to say we had to play soccer," said Dortmund forward Fredi Bobic whose team faced Dynamo Kiev.

Schalke officials, seeking postponement, called the office of German chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Germany's interior ministry for help in delaying the home match against Greek side Panathinaikos.

"We did not get the answer we want," said Schalke business Peter Peters. "But we do not decide world politics."

Dortmund and Schalke players complained they could not concentrate during the game after watching the horrible pictures from New York and Washington unfold right up to the bus ride to the stadium.

'I just don't understand how we can play soccer on a day like this,' said Schalke goalie Oliver Reck.

European Cup matches on Wednesday and Thursday have been postponed by UEFA.

Baseball serves as a healing force during national tragedies

By Arnie Stapleton
AP SPORTS WRITER

MILWAUKEE (AP) _ Mark McGwire didn't want to talk about baseball or Barry Bonds or the pennant race. He didn't feel like talking about anything at all, really.

McGwire just pointed to the images of terror on the television sets in the visiting clubhouse at Miller Park on Wednesday and he said what mattered now was freedom's future, not America's pastime.

Tears welled in his eyes as he explained that he couldn't add any insight to what is going on now and how trivial sports seemed with such sorrow suffocating the country.

The St. Louis Cardinals, in the midst of a pennant race, and the Milwaukee Brewers, just playing out another long, losing season, worked out Wednesday at Miller Park, five miles from the office of baseball commissioner Bud Selig, who canceled all major league games through Thursday.

With no airplanes overhead and not a soul in the stands, the crack of every bat and the thud of every ball in every glove echoed throughout the ballpark.

They were playing baseball again, but their thoughts were on the terrorism that brought this nation to a standstill.

"It's still shocking," Cardinals second baseman Fernando Vina said. 'Everything that's happened, it's like a movie, only it's not fiction."

But the players know that while their game seemed so trivial at the moment, baseball has long been a healing force during national tragedies.

"It's our job. But I think you've got to let some time pass," Vina said. "You've got to respect what has happened in our country and you can't go out and play baseball today. It wouldn't be right. You can't have a stadium full of people having fun, because that's not what this is about now. This is a tragedy, and we've got to stick together."

Vina said he wasn't even thinking about the playoffs.

"This is way more important, people's lives," he said.

Cardinals pitcher Matt Morris, who was born in Manhattan and still has about 20 family members there, said his father, George, an ironworker, and his uncle, John, a firefighter from the Bronx, were aiding in the rescue efforts 24 hours after the twin towers of the World Trade Center crumbled.

"I'm not thinking about their safety right now, they're trying to help people that are trapped or get the city back running and that's what they're there to do," Morris said.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, whose team took a bus back to St. Louis after practice, said the cancellations brought to mind the earthquake that interrupted the 1989 World Series when he was managing the Oakland Athletics.

That was a natural disaster, this one man-made.

"Loss of life puts your game much lower on the priority list," La Russa said. "At some point, life's going to go on, and our lives are baseball."

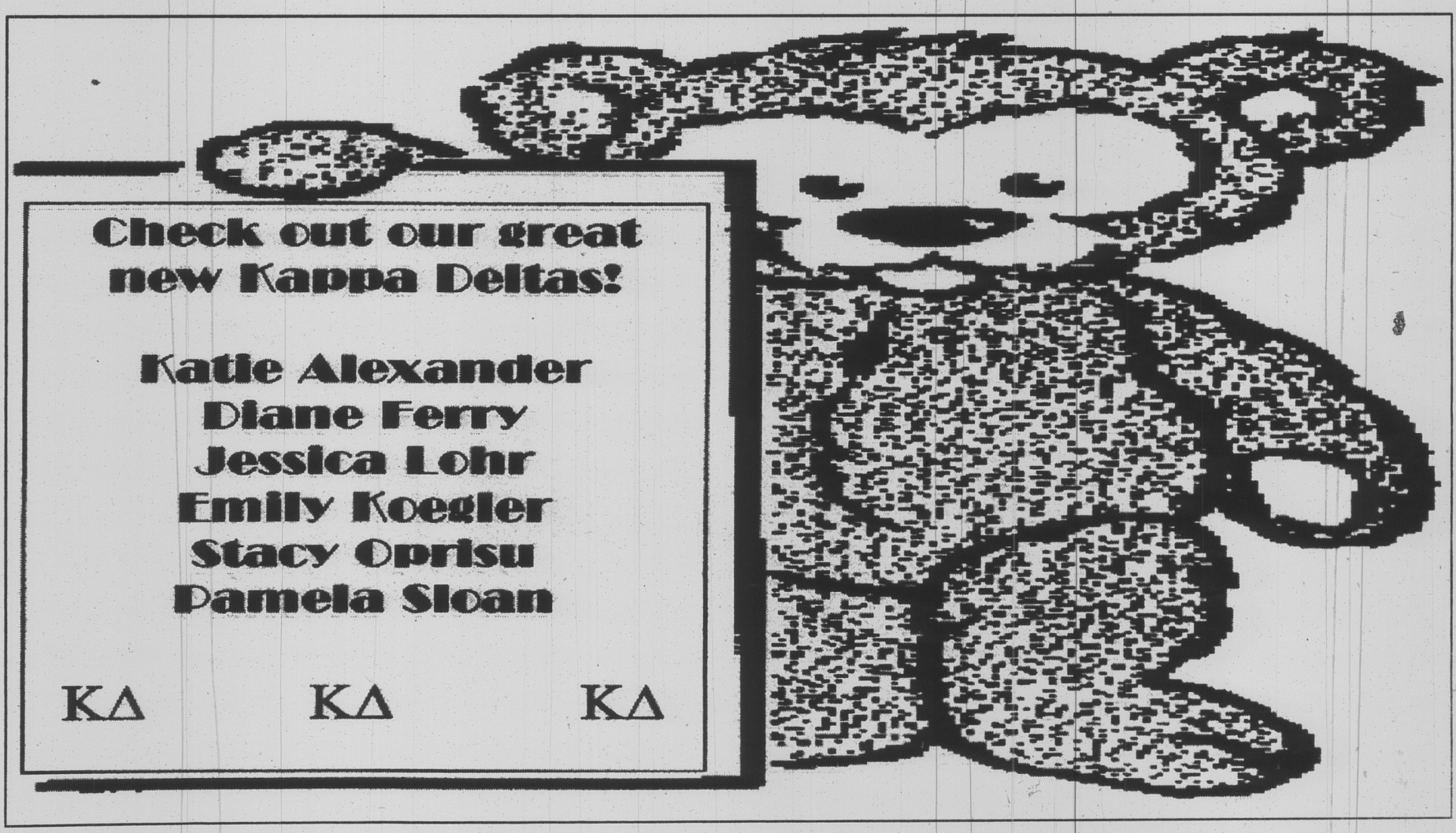
And what about Bonds' chase of McGwire's record 70 home runs? What about the Seattle Mariners' chances of having the best record ever? What about the playoffs?

'I think in every walk of life, whether it's athletics or business, everything becomes trivial," Brewers shortstop Mark Loretta said. "I mean, I'm sure the Brewers aren't concerned with their financial hit. Nobody's concerned about their numbers. You can't be. It doesn't even enter your mind."

Loretta said baseball will serve as the nation's tonic in due time.

"Entertainment has always been used as a diversion for real life. Unfortunately, these circumstances are just so bad that you've got to shut everything down," Loretta said. "You almost get a sense that the country is mourning and angry. I think we're angry that people can alter our way of life so much. Shutting down our sports games is one example."

"This has completely altered our lifestyle and probably will forever."



OPINION

Rant and Rave

"It would be nice if the phone in Browne lobby could be fixed before I graduate."

"Giant cookies in the cafeteria make my day."

"Bravo to all campus faculty and staff who came forward to help our campus in light of our national emergency."

"I'm missing Joyce in the TUB making my sub. Where'd she go?"

"The blinkers make it all right."

"I am very glad that our school is hosting an ALL campus formal."

"Thank you, faculty, for making your feelings known about MLK Day. Is there any hope for compromise?"

"I've never seen pizza ready on time at the TUB."

"Keeping freshmen out of the fraternity houses won't keep them out of the hospital."

"Jennifer Aniston looks like a man on the cover of this month's *Rolling Stone*."

"What's up with freshmen not being allowed in fraternity parties anymore? When did this happen?"

"Peppermint Tootsie Pops rock my socks!"

*"Where in the *%@# is the Rant and Rave box?"*

"At least you can't see the Orb anymore."

"Why was the path by Galbreath blocked off and we weren't notified?"

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not endorse or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Hasty reactions

The most devastating day in the history of the United States has left many asking for blood, before asking for explanations. On our own campus, far removed from the destruction, students advocate mass bombings of Afghanistan and general anti-Islamic sentiment.

The truth of the matter is revenge will not resolve the situation. If a massive offensive is taken, many civilians will be killed, leading to further hatred of America and resulting in future attacks.

This raises the ethical question, is 'an eye for an eye' true justice? In recent years, revenge has become a common motivation for punishing criminals. During the trials of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, victims' families demanded to view his execution, as if revenge would bring back their lost loved ones.

The senseless murder of thousands of American civilians cannot be justified or made right by the senseless murder of untold numbers of Islamic civilians throughout the world.

President Bush's statement, broadcast every five minutes for the past two days, pledging to "hunt down and punish those responsible," not distinguishing between the terrorists and those aiding and abetting them, fuels an American bloodlust, which will lead to an unwinnable war, doing nothing to thwart future acts of terrorism.

Engagement of U.S. forces will hit our generation the hardest. While the policy-makers in government call for action, they will not be on the front line. The average age of soldiers killed in Vietnam was 19. That means us. In the event of a draft, we will be the ones called to action. Men between the ages of 18 and 35, not the baby-boomers calling the shots. We will once again be fighting an ambiguous enemy over impossible terrain, in a hazy political situation without the support of the surrounding countries.

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A war with Afghanistan would be disastrous for a number of reasons. First and foremost, Afghanistan sits among some of the most rugged terrain in the world, namely, the Russian Alps. Second, Afghanistanians have long been counted among the toughest people alive. Third, their religious convictions promise a seat in Heaven to those who die fighting for the cause. Combining these factors yields a war against an enemy who can move undetected, striking at will and retreating into the mountains.

As the up and coming educated generation, we must not be dragged into a false sense of security. If a war occurs, it will not be fought with cruise missiles and high-altitude bombers from a safe range; rather it will be fought with rifles and bayonets at close range in impossible conditions with an incredible loss of life.

So, the next time a fellow student calls for blood, remember it will be ours. We must act out against those responsible in an appropriate manner and bring the terrorists to justice. Justice is achievable, revenge is not.

If war comes to be, it will be a way of protecting our democratic rights, which include many freedoms that should not be taken away from any Americans, be they Asian or African or Christian or Islamic. Ending discrimination in our country is the first step toward a better world--a world in which terrorism has no place.

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Guest editorial by Dr. Cohen: The Responsibility of Power

By Edward S. Cohen
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

When the Holcad's editor asked if I wanted to write something about the attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, my first thought was "what else needs to be said?" We have all seen the horrific scenes of destruction, and imagined the thoughts and feelings of those caught in the middle. We all want something to be done in response to the attack, though are perhaps not quite sure what that should be. Without more time to reflect and to see what actually happens in response to these events, what else can be said?

Of course, I could remember the many connections I had to the World Trade Center in my own experience. During the year I took off between high school and college, I worked in the toy department of a department store down Cortland Street from the WTC; every day I took the subway to and from the WTC. (I was a total failure at stocking and stacking Fisher Price toys, and Christmas season was a nightmare. I would not recommend this career choice.) As a college student, I worked part-time as a messenger in Manhattan, and often delivered or picked up packages from offices in the WTC. Most importantly, in the last healthy years of her life, my mother worked as a secretary in one of the two towers, and survived the 50-story walk after the bombing that destroyed the parking garage and lower floors of the WTC in the early 1990's.

But I am also a political scientist by training, and from this perspective there are perhaps a few things I can contribute to our discussion of these events. First, these attacks should bring home to Americans the implications of our inevitable involvement in the world as its most powerful state, militarily, economically, and culturally. Like it or not, the presence and impact of the United States is felt everywhere in the world, and our future is deeply linked to political and social developments across the globe, a condition usually referred to as "globalization." To a large extent, Americans have been happy to enjoy the benefits of this power and influence – cheap imports of goods and labor, the ubiquitous presence of English, the necessary deference of most other nations – without thinking too much about the impact of our power on others. Indeed, the Bush Administration's initial approach to foreign policy has reflected just this attitude.

If nothing else, the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon should force us to take more seriously the responsibilities and challenges of our power. By focusing on the symbols of American economic and military power, those responsible for the destruction were certainly indicating their hatred for what the United States has done and for the kind of society it embodies. Unfortunately, this kind of response is inevitable. In a world of conflicting values and interests, no state as powerful as the U.S. can avoid becoming the enemy of some groups of people and states who believe that we are a threat to their aspirations. Nor should we assume that our power is always used in ways that promote the values we claim. In the Middle East, in particular, our support for authoritarian states that protect our oil supplies and our reluctance to do more to end the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land has led many to see only hypocrisy in our talk of democracy and human rights. The resentment this creates, combined with our power and wealth, sustains a fertile ground for those who would recruit suicide bombers for their causes.

None of this excuses the attacks of September 11. In a real sense, as Colin Powell, Kofi Annan, and Tony Blair emphasized, these actions were an assault on the foundations of any civilized society. The wanton destruction of the lives of civilians cannot be tolerated in the name of any cause. Moreover, the attack on the World Trade Center was aimed at the very notion of a global society in which people of different national and cultural traditions find ways to work together peacefully to promote common goals. After all, the women and men killed in New York - accountants, executives, secretaries, maintenance workers, shopkeepers, and tourists - came from all over the world, and no doubt included many Muslims and others in whose name these actions were likely undertaken. The perpetrators of this destruction need to be identified and brought to justice, and their ability to carry out similar actions in the future must be destroyed as much as possible.

In this effort, we will have the support of people and governments around the world, and we should strive to make it a common cause. But it will not be enough if we simply focus on getting the perpetrators and then settle into cynicism and distrust about the world. Our response to these horrific attacks can and should be the beginning of a realization among Americans of the need to think more seriously about the way our fate is inextricably linked to that of all people in the world. It should prompt us to find ways to use our power more constructively and cooperatively to help improve the condition of all of those who aspire to a more just world. We will never again be safe from those determined to hurt us. But it would be a tragedy if we used our vulnerability as an excuse to simply lash out at those who oppose us while withdrawing further from the responsibilities and possibilities that come with our power.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Beth Staley's article on her visit to Amelia the psychic. Last semester, several of my friends and I also visited Amelia, mainly to supplement our mundane lives at school with a little adventure, but also to seek advice.

Each of us had a private session with Amelia, and as we returned home, we compared our "futures." While none of our tarot card readings were the same, she said, remarkably, each of us would meet her soul mate, get married, have children, and be successful in our chosen careers.

Impressively, Amelia was able to pinpoint one thing about each of us that she really had no way of knowing. However, we already knew these things about ourselves. We thought the point of a psychic was to tell us things we didn't yet know about our lives.

Just as she told Beth Staley, she told Kacie Higgins and Teale Ganster they were friends with two men, one with light hair, and one with dark hair, of whom one may lead to a romantic relationship. Just like Beth, she told Megan Elias she would be able to help a friend through an abusive relationship. Just like Beth, Amelia told Kacie she would have stomach problems related to stress. Just like Beth, she told me I would be wealthy and successful, and marry a man who has similar religious beliefs. Just like Beth, she told Teale she would soon be signing papers for a car (which she did, so we're not complaining about that one).

And like Beth, she was very specific about when I would meet my future husband, and what he would look like. I am supposed to meet a tall, handsome man with light brown hair, who is wearing a suit. It's supposed to happen at the end of this summer. Now, I realize the summer isn't quite over, but since I' back at Westminster, chances are slim to none.

So, while it was something different to try, the majority of us are poor college students. We recommend you not waste your money on psychics.

Sincerely,

Megan Clark, Teale Ganster, Megan Elias, and Kacie Higgins

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the relocation of furniture from the TUB due to the construction. What happened to the television room television and furniture? It was not moved to the new grille location. A student can no longer catch a few minutes of the news during lunch or watch a sports game with his friends during a meal. The new grille location is not completely packed with tables and chairs; there is room for at least a 14-inch television if not the old large screen one.

Also, what happened to the couches and tables from the second floor of the TUB? Previous to the construction it was possible to relax on a couch and study in relative peace and quiet on the second floor of the TUB. Why not arrange the Down Under with the furniture as an area where students can meet and do classwork?

Why not make some sort of temporary TUB lounge arrangement instead of dividing up the TUB furniture across campus or storing it. There must be room on campus somewhere to do this.

Sincerely,

Matt Lauffer

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Brad and Adriann go to the movies

Rock Star

... Rock on!

Brad Dell

Mark Wahlberg, most recently billed as porn star and primate pal, returns to his original Marky Mark roots of fame as he portrays the wannabe who gets-to-be heavy metal front man in *Rock Star.*

Wahlberg plays Chris Coles, a mega-fanatic of a fictional, top of the charts, heavy metal hair band, Steel Dragon. With his not quite so equally obsessed buddies, Chris is the lead singer of a Steel Dragon tribute band. When the real Steel Dragon decides to replace its lead singer, in a quite outrageous display, the band acquires a video of Chris "in action." You can pretty much guess the rest and be right on target. Chris gets the gig, laps up the fame, the drugs, the women, the sex, and well, I guess you'll have to see the movie to know if you guessed the right ending.

With break out fist fights, macho sexual domination and beat-heavy, pumped-up tunes, testosterone flies through this film like sweat from a 14th round heavy-weight boxing match. This film is hot...and it takes a while to cool down after watching it.

At the center of this heat, Wahlberg continues his streak of excellent performances in mediocre films. Without brilliant lines or stellar direction, Wahlberg gives Chris Coles a passion so intense, it is equally explosive and tender. And let me just say, Mr. Marky Mark has one hell of a voice.

Playing Chris' girlfriend and manager, Jennifer Aniston proves that she can be more than just a "friend." As hard as it is, she makes us forget Chandler and Monica, giving depth and intention to a rather directionless character.

Brit-actor Timothy Spall gives a standout performance as the level-headed and compassionate Steel Dragon road manager, Mats. In a bar scene, Mats relays to Coles a story about his former marriage. Not only does this subtle story make a major impression on Coles, but it is also the backdrop for one of the best and most memorable scenes in the film.

Despite some fine performances, this film cannot help but be compared to Cameron Crowe's 2000 rock and roll tribute masterpiece, *Almost Famous*. Crowe is a brilliant and crafty auteur, and *Rock Star* director Stephen Herek cannot compete. Whereas *Almost Famous* has an original, cutting edge story, *Rock Star's* plot is common-place and predictable. It is a story of rags to riches and back again...a story so familiar that the audience could be wading in comatose drool and still follow the plot line.

And compared to Crowe's witty and intelligent dialogue, John Stockwell's language leaves a lot to be desired.

But maybe that's what director Stephen Herek wanted. When I left the theatre, it was not the dialogue or the plot that I remembered, but rather, the music. Though I am not a heavy metal fan at all, *Rock Star's* music really pumped me up. It was truly thrilling. The entire film is driven by its sometimes sweet, but more often explosive sound track.

Rock Star gives us a nostalgic trip back in time to the crimped hair, pink eye-shadow, jean-jacket days of the 1980's. With these "period pieces" and Wahlberg's radical tight leather pants and revealing leather coat, the film's costumes should grab your attention.

Set in Pittsburgh, it might seem appealing to local audiences because unlike so many other films supposedly set in Pittsburgh, this one actually has some footage of the city, including a super-hip shot of a car racing out of the Fort Pitt Tunnel, nearly being engulfed in the city, and a memorial still frame of Three Rivers Stadium. **Sigh**

The film's tag line is "Good movie. Great Music." They pretty much hit it right on the head. So, if you want to see a great rock and roll movie, rent *Almost Famous*. But don't miss *Rock Star's* soundtrack. I give the film two...and 1/2 stars. I mean, there has to be a little bonus given to a film with a gay rock star. There...that will keep you guessing. Until next time, Rock on!

Adriann Popovich

Warner Brothers' latest film *Rock Star* is a coming of age movie which follows music fan Chris Cole (Mark Wahlberg) in his journey from fan to rock star when he gets the chance to become his idol Billy Beers, lead singer of the 80's metal band Steel Dragon. If this scenario sounds familiar to any rock fans, it is amazingly similar to the real life saga of Judas Priest who also replaced their lead singer with a fan.

This movie tries to explore the world of rock and roll in a similar way to last year's hit *Almost Famous*. Unfortunately, *Rock Star* does not live up to Cameron Crow's Oscar-winning screenplay.

When the film opens, we find Chris living with his parents in a 1980's Pittsburgh suburb. He works as a copy machine repairman and fronts a Steel Dragon tribute band on the side. Yet in Chris's world, the band comes before anything else. His obsession with being an exact clone of the band causes his fellow band members to take action and replace him with another lead singer. Within days of being dropped, Chris receives a phone call from the guitarist of Steel Dragon offering him an audition to be the new front man.

Chris travels to the band's mansion for his audition, bringing along his girlfriend Emily (Jennifer Aniston). Chris is offered the job on the spot and goes on tour. Emily tags along as his manager and girlfriend, but is reduced to feeling like a fifth wheel when she discovers that she must ride along with the other wives and girlfriends in a limo that follows the band's buses.

Emily soon leaves the tour promising to see Chris at a later date. At this point in the movie it is assumed that Chris gives into the rock star lifestyle that he has watched his band mates enjoy. The film implies that Chris has gone down the path of drugs, alcohol and sex that many "where are they now?" celebrities are still recovering from. The audience never sees the downfall of Chris's character, only the aftermath when he sees Emily.

The movie tries to bring the audience into the rock lifestyle, but neglects to share every gritty little detail that arguably made *Almost Famous* such a success. Wahlberg and Aniston's performances left me questioning why they were chosen for this movie. Both are fine actors in their own right, but they seemed out of place in this film.

Other than the well-choreographed concert scenes and memorable rock music, I found the best part of the film to be the vintage scenes of downtown Pittsburgh in the 1980's including the most recently missed landmark, Three Rivers Stadium.

Rock Star is definitely a movie I do not recommend unless you only want to see it for the music, but even at that, it is not worth reliving the spandex and big hair that haunt many of our memories.

Psychic reading take two: Staley meets Mary in the city

By Beth Staley
A & E EDITOR

Last week, I visited Miss Amelia in Sharon for a psychic consultation. After my article about this consultation appeared in *The Holcad*, several people asked me for more details about my psychic reading. A few of these people suggested that I see a different psychic in order to compare results.

Thus, as a sincere journalist seeking to satisfy the interests of my readers, I looked for another psychic. I traveled to Youngstown to see Mary, a psychic, palm and tarot reader. Mary has been advising people about love, business, marriage and health since she was 15. Her business card says that she offers "insights on all affairs of life."

I could certainly use such insights! Mary greeted me with a hospitable welcome before proceeding to shuffle her deck of cards. Immediately, Mary conducted herself like a confident and honest psychic advisor. She took a moment to close her eyes, clench the cards, and recite something that sounded like a prayer. Then she asked me to pick out eight cards with my left hand.

Immediately, she mentioned a grandfather who had passed away recently. Well, my grandfather is the last person that passed away in my life. Mary assured me that he was in a good place and informed me that the wife who survives him is very lonely. Mary encouraged me to invite relatives to visit with my grandma.

On a personal note, Mary told me that my grandma had a particularly special bond with me, and that someday her spirit would watch over me with love and guidance. Overall, I have to admit that my grandma and I do have a special relationship; I even lived with her for half of the summer.

Mary continued to reveal information about my family. She knew that I had a rebellious brother who tends to stir up trouble. She said that he is turning the corner, and if family members keep attuned to his life, he'll be absolutely fine.

Nonetheless, with most good news, it seems there is some bad news. According to Mary, someone from my dad's side of the family will die from cancer this year, and someone from my mom's side of the family will die from heart trouble. In all honesty, it's hard to swallow this kind of information.

Although Mary gave me a lot of information that Miss Amelia didn't, both Mary and Miss Amelia revealed things that were strangely similar. Like Miss Amelia, Mary looked at my palm and said that I would live until at least my early Nineties. She also told me that I would be healthy if I could deal with stress-induced aches and a tendency toward harmless depression.

Both psychics also insisted that I focus on my education for at least the next three years because through hard work, I will have a successful and profitable career. Twice, Mary foresaw me working specifically with a pencil, which is interesting because I always use a pencil when writing drafts.

After hearing all of this, I asked where I would be located while pursuing my educational and career goals. Whereas Miss Amelia saw me staying near my home and working around Pittsburgh or New York, Mary saw me moving far away. Mary also told me that I would probably end up settling southward for warmer weather because I favor such conditions. Mary was correct; I prefer blistering heat to blizzards any day!

After at least three years of hard work, Mary said that I would marry my soul mate. It's nice to hear such a thing twice in two weeks! Like Miss Amelia, Mary described him as an attractive man with very light brown hair. Mary added that he would have light eyes. In order to avoid a possible and brief separation with my future husband, Mary warned me against jealousy during my marriage.

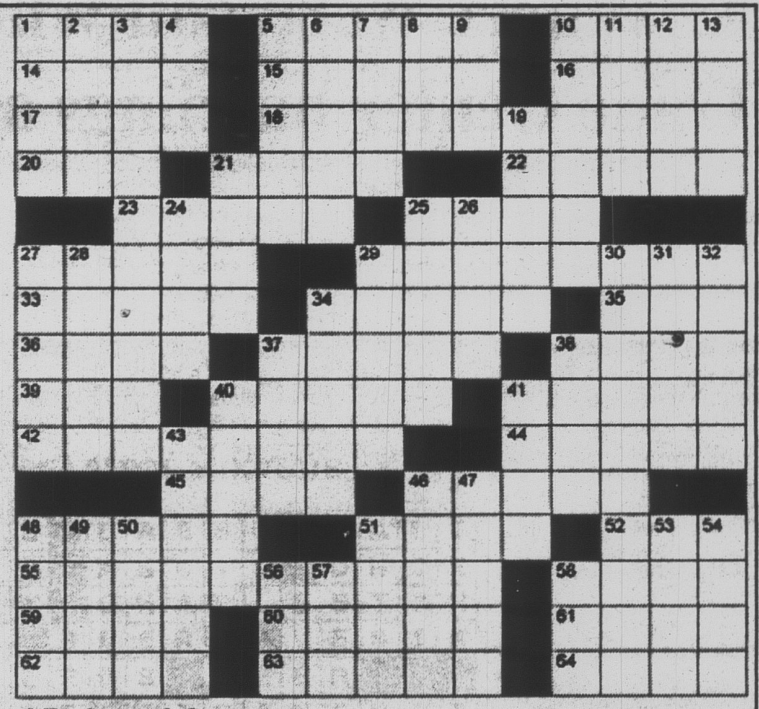
Then Mary told me that I would have three children. Previously, Miss Amelia foresaw me having two to three children. Mary said that I would have two boys and one girl. One son will eventually have a competitive career in publicity. The other son, she confided, will have a rebellious streak; however, if I give him proper attention early on, he'll turn out well. Mary described my daughter as a tomboy whose affection I will have to work for.

After discussing the distant future, Mary gave me some tips for the rest of this year. She asked me to be careful driving this winter. She acknowledged my tendency to disobey speed limits, and said that if I slow down, I'll avoid getting a speeding ticket and possibly even colliding with a small accident. Nonetheless, she assured me that these misfortunes are avoidable if I exercise caution and common sense. Such advice is good to hear.

Finally, Mary suggested that I watch what I say around friends this year. Miss Amelia had also given me this suggestion. Evidently, I should not trust people much right now. Personally, I find this double-warning very disturbing and discouraging.

Overall, it was interesting to consider the parallels and differences between Mary's and Miss Amelia's reading. However, I'm not sure that I'm sold on the idea of psychic consultation. They do give good advice, but such advice can easily be found in fortune cookies. I found the palm readings interesting, but the tarot and psychic readings left much to be desired. For students who want a reading, I do recommend Mary. Students interested in visiting her can call 330-799-9917 for more information.

Crossword 101 by Ed Canty
"Capitol Mixture"



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6 Barbecue leftovers
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11 Hill dwellers
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48 Former Russian big wig
49 Hearty's cousin
50 Computer image
51 Ms. Roosevelt, for one
53 On
54 Cub Scout groups
56 Household implement
57 Ram's flame
58 Slob

Quotable Quote

We have the power to do any damn fool thing we want to do, and we seem to do it about every ten minutes.

• *J. William Fulbright*

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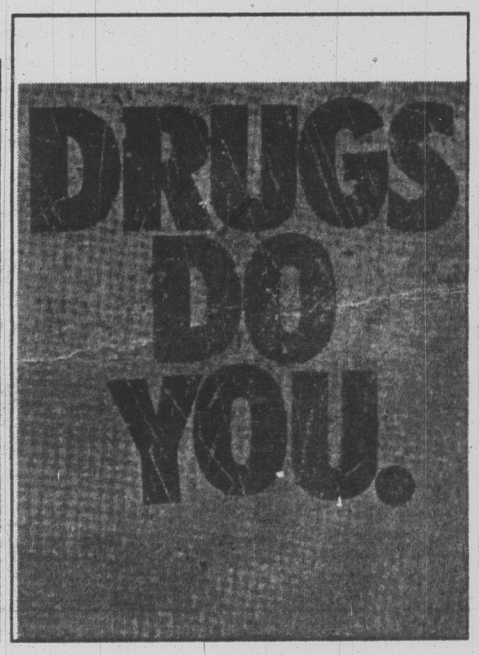


HOROSCOPES
By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21 - April 20)
It's one of those weeks when you should read the fine print on any contracts. Know what you're getting into. Take care not to let things slide on the job. Business is highlighted this week, the unemployed will receive valuable leads. Others meet with rewards and gains.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Focus your attention on your career path this week. You will make a major business decision. There is someone who will hurt or upset your feelings, try not to make a big deal out of it. It's time to rethink spiritual matters.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
You may experience minor delays or frustrations early in the week, but the week will be ideal for romance and going out for fun. Most of the week will find you in a lively and optimistic frame of mind. Be sure to follow through on any commitments made.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
This is a week for creative work and for getting your ideas across to others. You'll be pleased with developments in a child's life. Partners will share your delight and support you. Make sure to state things clearly when instructions or intentions could easily be misunderstood.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23)
An outing this week may turn out to be more costly than you had expected. There is an emphasis on romance, creativity and recreational pastimes. At work, there will be satisfaction in the completion of a project.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A nice gift or thoughtful words from a loved one will start the week off well. You'll derive joy today from family matters. Don't dwell on a work problem after dark. Arguing or becoming moody will not rectify matters.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
It's a great week for making major family decisions, but delays will be likely on the job. Your bright disposition will be very evident, and many will be taken by your grace and charm. Avoid fussing with a lover about a minor concern. Make sure that daydreaming doesn't keep you from accomplishing goals.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your intuition will be a valuable asset in business dealings all week. It's a great time for buying and selling. Money matters take a turn for the better. Inspiration will help you make new plans in your personal life. Being sincere will help you get your point across.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
This week domestic concerns and family matters will be very important. Any work of an artistic nature is favored. You may be inspired to start that home remodeling or redecorating you have been thinking about for some time.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Avoid forcing your family to conform to your plans this week. Be patient if a child annoys you. It is a great time for romance and activities with children. Your business goals are in the foreseeable future. Be ready to capitalize on new opportunities, financial gains are likely.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Behind the scenes developments favor you financially. Home will be the center of most activities this week. Two tasks are finally completed. Take the initiative in contacting a friend you haven't talked to lately. Evenings will be filled with romance and fun, but avoid any excesses.

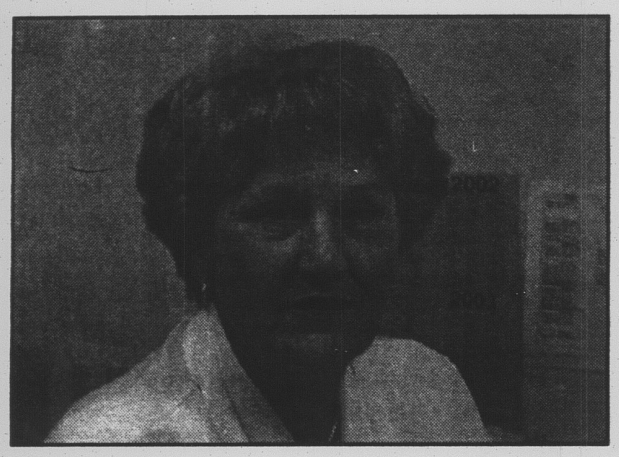
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Don't be overly critical of people in the workplace this week. You may receive a job opportunity that will let you work from home for the next couple of weeks. Focus your attentions on family and property matters, you may decide on a change of residence. Avoid being hasty in signing any papers.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Concern for a financial matter may dampen your enthusiasm for socializing. Take care not to shut others out. Keep the lines of communication open. Things will very much go your way, especially where pleasure is found.

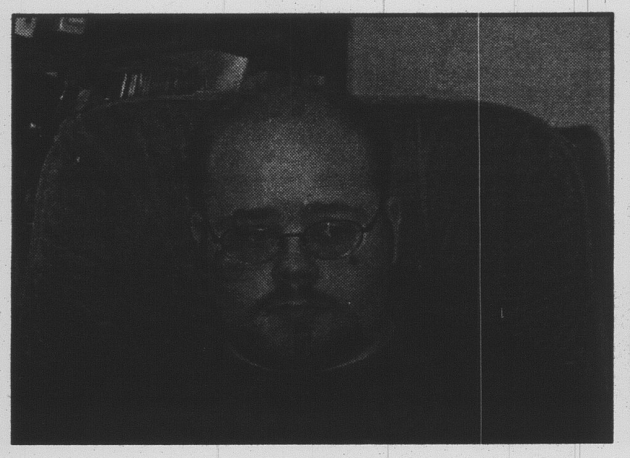
FEATURE

Question of the week: Where were you when planes struck both the World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon?

The surreal and tragic events of Tuesday morning will stay with all of us for the rest of our lives whether for good or for bad. Just as with the assassination of John F. Kennedy, we will remember where we were the morning of September 11, 2001 when terrorism struck home.



"I was sitting at my desk in Patterson 121 having what was seemingly a normal day. Dr. Kripal came out of his office and said an airplane had just crashed into the World Trade Center building in New York. I immediately ran to Dr. Twining's classroom and informed him of the happenings. We tuned in CNN to see if it was really true only to find a second plane had hit the other tower. A normal day turned into disbelief, but good things were happening also - I saw professors supporting students and students supporting professors as we wept together. I was reminded of Psalm 46." - **Millie Shaw, secretary of the RHPC department**



"The first time, I was waiting for my class. The second time, we were all in class. It was kind of surreal. Then our professor informed us of the Pentagon. He cancelled the rest of class and I returned home to watch the news." - **Troy Anderson, senior**

"I was in my class, The Congress, with Dr. Rhoads. He informed us about the first plane and terrorism never crossed my mind. That was, until Dr. Grove came running down the hall to inform Dr. Rhoads and our class about the Pentagon. I immediately ran to the computer lab to see what CNN had to say." - **Molly Weaver, senior**

"I was in bed and my mom called me, woke me up and told me to turn on the TV. I sat all morning and watched the news." - **Kaitlin Erhardt, senior**

"I was teaching Dr. Mitchell's Media Relations class and I turned on the TV by accident and saw the explosions. I was like 'wow.'" - **Jon McKay, senior**

"I was photocopying when Dr. Kripal came out and told everyone in the office." - **Crystal Brian, junior**

Construction promises better future for WC

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

When I first walked onto campus upon returning for my senior year, my mouth dropped open. I knew the school had begun construction on the new student center over the summer, but hadn't realized the extent of the project. Our quad is nothing more than fenced-in holes and dirt mounds.

I don't recall a year at WC without construction. For me, it began in 1998 when West Hall burned down and a crew had come in to demolish what was left of the building and build a trailer to house the English/Public Relations department and Celebrity Series. Then I remember sitting in Old Main my sophomore year trying to hear my professor over the jackhammers as Thompson Clark Freeman became Thompson Clark Hall and Freeman Hall. The building was not completed until last year, my junior year. That same year, the field house was renovated. As I return for my senior year, the student union has been boarded up, the quad – fenced in, and the mailroom, bookstore and TUB have been relocated. The bulldozer has seemingly become our new mascot.

I've heard many complaints from students since I've returned to school about the current status of our quad. I myself have complained about it, especially since this is my last year. However, if I remember correctly, most students couldn't stand our TUB as it was for the last few years. We would visit other colleges and universities and revel in the conditions of their respective unions and wonder why ours was so, well, decrepit, or as one anonymous senior called it, "crummy." Other adjectives used to describe the old TUB by students include retro, crappy, dirty, gross and nasty.

The construction over the years may have created some problems and adjustments, but nothing the student body couldn't adapt to. We now have an up-to-date field house, two beautiful new halls, modern classrooms, and we'll soon have a brand new union. Although the renovations may be an eyesore now, we will all be thankful when the union is completed. So be thankful and look for the good in all of it. For instance, the construction workers have now balanced out the male to female ratio.

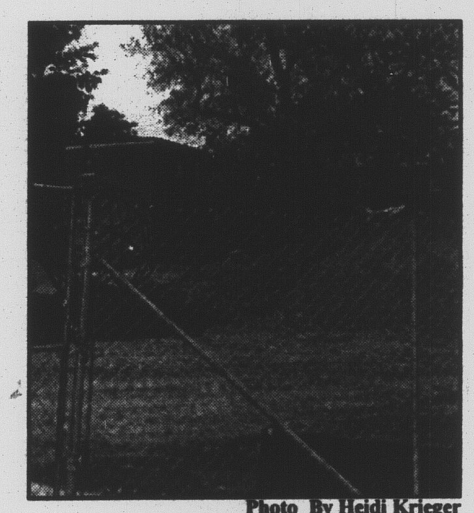
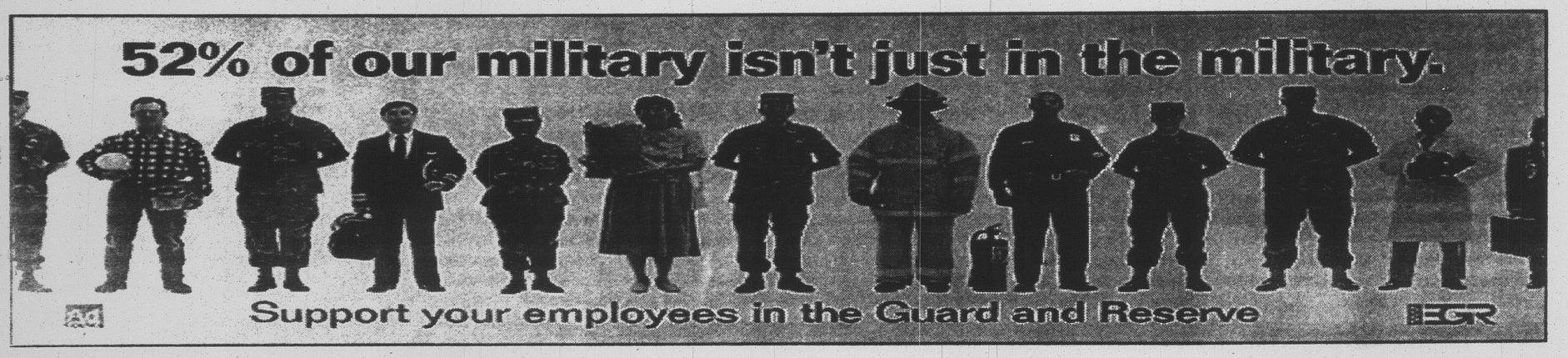


Photo By Heidi Krieger
Work continues on the campus center.



Freshman exchange student represents Ghana

By Erin Chittock
STAFF WRITER

Amid the homogenous array of students, many may have noticed the infusion of culture that has suddenly reached new numbers on campus. Freshman Charles Klu is one of the students representing this cultural expansion.

Born and raised in the Volta Region of West Africa, Klu had never been to the United States. One can only imagine the differences he has observed in the past several weeks. "The United States is full of opportunity," Klu said. "Your culture is much more flexible than African culture."

Klu points out that in Africa the school administration dictates what is best for the students. Students do not get to select the courses they would like to take, or add and drop classes at their convenience. Instead, the courses are required. This element of discipline is what Klu appreciates most about his culture. He is grateful that he has not been handed everything in life. Working hard has caused Klu to appreciate this opportunity to be in the United States.

Klu is also fortunate to have the companionship of Andrew Mugisha from Rwanda, a region in East Africa. Mugisha said he has attended the college for nine months and adapted the hard way, without the help of anyone with his shared background. He welcomes the chance to share the love of his culture with Klu and help him adapt to college life. One such area that required a great deal of adaptation for Mugisha and Klu was adjusting to American food. Klu does not have his normal food choices, consisting of gari, which is pulverized corn, fufu, which is hard tortilla, or groundnut soup, which is peanut soup. He has found some foods that he does enjoy, especially french fries and hamburgers. While he has experienced new food, he is not yet ready to experience the frigid winter months and snow.

Klu is not accustomed to having so much time for leisure, but he enjoys the time for himself. Much of his energy is invested in the Westminster Men's Soccer Team. Klu said that he enjoys soccer, but he came to the United States for the education. Klu completed a three-year program at Takoradi Polytechnic in West Ghana. The freshman is now furthering his education with a focus on business administration. He plans to return to Africa to use his degree after graduation. He especially enjoys Calculus 131 and American Workplace.

Klu emphasized that the English colonized his country. His dialect and writing techniqueare infused with British undertones. This influence makes writing and reading sometimes challenging, but Klu has many friends who are willing to help him make this transition. One such person is his sophomore roommate Geoff Tirrell, a transfer student from Connecticut. Tirrell says that living with Klu has been a learning experience, but he really enjoys him. "He is crazy and fun," Tirrell said.

Klu says that his culture is very tolerant and jovial.

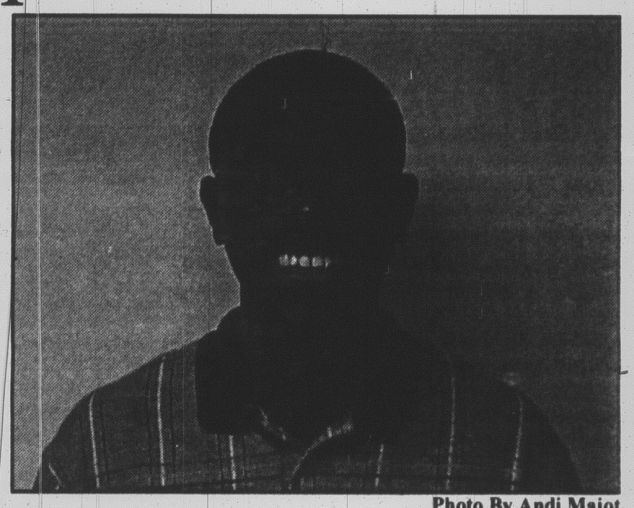
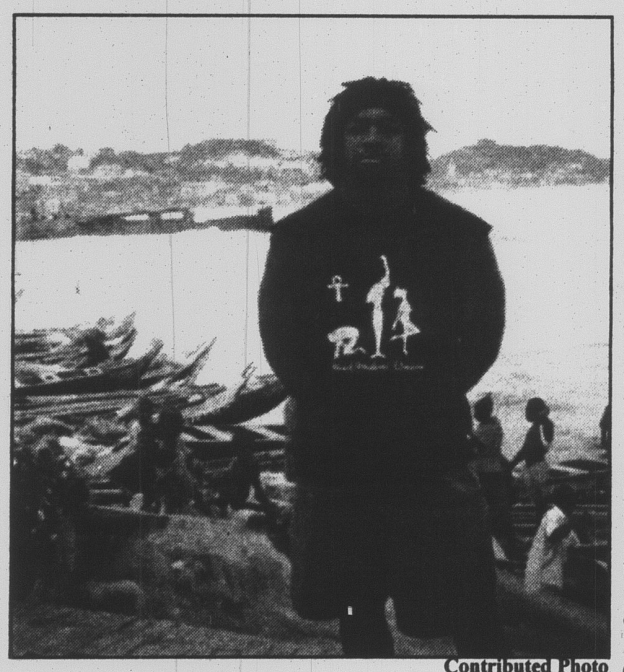


Photo By Andi Majot
Charles Klu, international student.

Klu has felt welcome on campus since he arrived. "I have never experienced a more friendly institution. Everyone is always smiling and willing to help me in any way," Klu said.

Trip to Ghana teaches Stamper about African culture



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Joe Stamper in Ghana.

STAFF WRITER
By Sara Ialongo

Some Westminster students spent their summers waiting on tables or life guarding at the pool, but senior Joe Stamper spent his summer on another continent. Stamper traveled to Ghana, Africa for 10 days in May to learn more about African history and culture.

Stamper, a history major, was not required to take the trip, which was sponsored partly by the college and organized by Global Awareness Society International. Stamper traveled with a group of professors and students from other universities.

When Stamper arrived in Ghana he was greeted with muggy, rainy weather. "It was 97 degrees and in their rain season," Stamper said. None of this prevented Stamper from experiencing all the sites and opportunities Ghana offered. He stayed in luxurious hotels, such as the Golden Tulip. The hotels included restaurants, workout centers, reggae music and casinos. "The food was delicious. The Ghanaians eat lots of fish and fruit, especially pineapple," Stamper said.

Stamper talked about the highlights of his site-seeing such as the slave castles, Cocoon National Rainforest Reserve and Shante's Palace (the largest tribe in the African Kingdom). His favorite experience was the impressive slave castles. "Touching the walls in the castle was an unforgettable experience. I wonder if my ancestors touched those same walls," Stamper said.

Stamper talked about major differences in Ghana such as the exchange rate. A night at the Golden Tulip cost about $60.00. The cab fare for five hours cost five dollars. The University of Ghana is affordable and quite inexpensive for most students, but the books are the same price as tuition. In fact, some students cannot afford books. About 23,000 students attend the university.

Stamper and his group had a special invitation to the vice president's house. "The party was great. I met the Ambassador to the United States and the head of the PNC (the second largest political party in Ghana)," Stamper said.

The average Ghanaian has a very stable life earning $400.00 a year. "They are not poor, in fact, some of them are very wealthy," Stamper said.

Stamper said, "My trip to Ghana not only benefited me, but our college as well. Now I can share my knowledge about African culture." He will speak to three classes including the geography and globalization classes.

Sophomore Rena Paroz, a student in the African American history class, enjoyed listening to Stamper's presentation. "I loved learning about Joe's trip to Ghana. The most interesting part was when Joe spoke about the slave castles," Paroz said.

Stamper said, "I would go back to Ghana in a heart-beat." Stamper, a member of Black Higher Education, plans to continue learning and teaching about the African culture.

SGA elections held, 12 new freshmen Senators chosen

By Lindsay Braem
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At elections held this past Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 12 and 13, 12 new freshman Senators were elected to the Student Government Association. At Wednesday's meeting, they were sworn in.

Next week we will be electing Senators on the Student/Faculty Committees, Councils, and Boards. This is a chance for students to make an impact on decisions and changes within the college. These committees also have two student positions that will be decided on in elections being held in two weeks.

These committees include the Curriculum Development Committee, Curriculum Operations Committee, Student Life and Athletic Council, Religious Life Council, Planning, Budget, and Institutional Research Council, Enrollment Management Council, Council of Instructional Resources, Judicial Board, Appeals Board, Student Publication Board, and Institutional Research Review Committee.

Further information about these committees can be found in the back of the campus calendar. Please refer to upcoming e-mails to find out how to run for these student seats. This Saturday, there will be a drive-in movie. The Campus Programming Committee, who has sponsored this event, will be showing Shrek and another movie that hasn't been decided upon. Students are encouraged to bring blankets down when it begins to get dark outside.

There are still tickets available for the Gateway Clipper Cruise. Buses will be leaving Old 77 at 9:00 pm on Friday, Sept. 21. Tickets are still on sale outside of the cafeteria for $8 for Westminster students $10 for non-Westminster students.

Please watch for an SGA ad in The Holcad next week. It will include information about the executive council and committee chairs' office hours. Our office is now located on the third floor of Patterson, and all students are welcome to visit. In the meantime, any questions or concerns can be directed to Lindsey Braem at EXT. 6305 or by e-mail at braemle@westminster.edu.

The Homecoming Pep Rally will be held on Oct. 12. Referees are needed for Powder Puff, which will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Quad. Anyone who is interested in setting up teams for Powder Puff should contact Stefanie Maccaglia at EXT. 6717 or by e-mail at rnaccagsj@westminster.edu.

The SGA also voted on three professors for "Pie in the Face." Senators will be raising money in the names of these professors to be donated to a cause that will be voted on next week.

Voting for open upperclassmen seats took place during New Business. The three sophomore, four junior, and one senior position were filled through Senate elections.

The Student Satisfaction Survey Results were discussed briefly, and the students had a chance to see documented results.

Lindsey Braem, Dan DiDesiderio and Chris Nave will be at the Board of Trustees meeting November 2-4. These associate trustees will be meeting with the Board to discuss the campus's concerns. Please contact these associate trustees to let them know if there is something you would like brought up to the board.

There was discussion about collecting money, canned goods and donating blood to the relief effort in New York. Although Westminster will most likely not hold a blood drive immediately, students are encouraged to travel to local blood drives.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL STAR GAZING begins today and continues each Wednesday, weather permitting, at 9 p.m. Interested parties will meet in lobby and travel to the Hoyt roof to view the constellations, planets, moon and other interesting celestial objects. Learn a little something different each week.

BIKE TO BUILD, sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 15, beginning at Hoss's Restaurant in Meadville. Choose from four Ernest Rails to Trails paths for mini bikers (five miles), or travel the Country Side for the Adventure (10 miles) or Challenger (20+miles) on both dirt and paved roads. Free t-shirts to the first 100 entries. Registration for adults is $10 and $5 for 6-18 year olds. For more information, contact the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, 890 Liberty St., Meadville PA 16335.

AMISH STYLE CHICKEN AND NOODLES SUPPER is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 22, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the New Wilmington United Methodist Church. Adults, $8 and children under 10, $3. For more information, contact Norma Garrett at (724) 946-2246 or the church Monday-Thursday mornings at (724) 946-2811.

ORGAN LESSONS for experienced and beginning students. Contact Dr. Beth Harrison at EXT. 7024 or (724) 625-4526 or e-mail harrisea@westminster.edu.

COLIA'S CLEANERS 208 E. Wallace Ave. New Castle, offers 15% off all dry cleaning (five items or more) for members of Westminster College faculty and staff.

SWIMMING LESSON REGISTRATION is scheduled Sunday, Sept. 23, 6-7 p.m. in Memorial Field House Lobby. All applicants must be at least five years old, and the cost is $45 per person. The 45-minute classes are scheduled Sept. 24-28 and Oct. 1-4. Levels I and II begin at 5:30 p.m., and Levels III, IV, V, VI, and VII begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Robert Klamut, director of aquatics at Westminster College, at (724) 946-7315.

THE DAVIES-JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP presents a unique opportunity for outstanding students to participate in a course of study at St. John's College, Cambridge University, following graduation. Supported by an anonymous benefactor, the Davies-Jackson Scholarship is designed especially for students from families with modest economic backgrounds and who are among the first in their families to have graduated from college. Applications may be received from students who have demonstrated enthusiasm for and achievement in the arts, humanities and social sciences and who wish to pursue further substantive study in one of these areas. The two-year, full scholarship to St. John's College covers all tuition, fees, room and board during term-time, living expenses during the summer vacation, and travel to and from England. The Scholarship is open to students who wish to read archaeology and anthropology, classics, economics, English, geography, history, history of art, modern and medieval languages, music, philosophy, or social and political sciences. Up to two scholarships may be awarded. Applications for the Davies-Jackson Scholarship are due by Nov. 15. The application should be made directly to the Davies-Jackson Scholarship Committee. Scholarship materials have been sent to several offices on campus, including Academic Affairs, Career Planning, and the departments representing the corresponding subjects. Additional application materials may be obtained by contacting A. Graham Down, at 1650 32nd St., N.W., Washington, DC 20007, or call (202) 333-8258, or by accessing the Davies-Jackson web site at: http://www.cic.edu/caphe/davies-jackson.html.

FOR RENT/SALE

FOR SALE: 1999 Honda CBR F4, red and black, 700 miles. Excellent condition, $6,000 including two helmets.

FOR SALE: Sharp Microwave, 1.4 cu. ft., black, $90. Call Professor Cox at EXT. 7266.

SOUND ADJUSTMENT

Westminster's own rock the

Down Under

Friday, September 14th

10:30-midnight

Featuring the music of:

Pink Floyd aaron francis Led Zeppelin nate pero jethro tull

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 14
11:40 a.m. Chapel
2:00 p.m. Volleyball @ John Carroll/CaseWestern (OH) Invitational
4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Thiel (H)
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 15
Volleyball @ John Carroll/Case Western (OH) Invitational
11:00 a.m. Women's Tennis vs. Thiel (H)
11:15 a.m. Men's and Women's Cross-Country @ Pitt-Johnstown Invitational
3:00 p.m. Men's Soccer @ LaRoche
7:00 p.m. Football @ Geneva
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
CPC Presents; Drive-In Movie NOTE: This is an outdoor event that will begin when it is sufficiently dark.

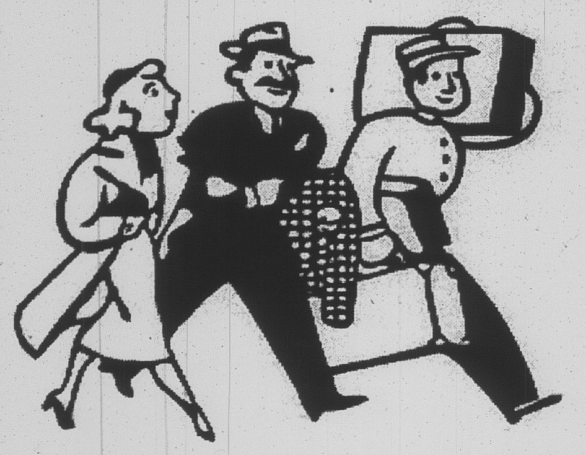
SUNDAY 16
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Sisterhood Retreat
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting -House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 17
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 18
ROSH HASHANAH
LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS ($15 Fee, all Returning and Transfer Students)
4:00 p.m. Bleasby Colloquium
5:00 p.m. Volleyball vs. Thiel/Geneva (H)
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
6:00 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Open House
7:00 p.m. Orchestra - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Foreign Film Festival: Cinema Paradiso - Down Under
9:30 p.m. RACT Meeting

WEDNESDAY 19
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum
4:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Allegheny (H)
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting-Down Under
7:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship-Down Under

THURSDAY 20
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting-TC 314
4:00 p.m. Women's Tennis @ Case Western reserve (OH)
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice-Chapel



ARGO, Westminster College's award-winning yearbook, is looking for enthusiastic students to participate in the 2002 edition.
No experience is required, but energy and dedication qualities are a must!

The following positions are open for multiple applicants:

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Photography Staff
Layout Staff
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To request an application, please e-mail the ARGO at argo@westminster.edu
All applications are due by September 19th!

We hope to hear from you soon!

Contact the ARGO

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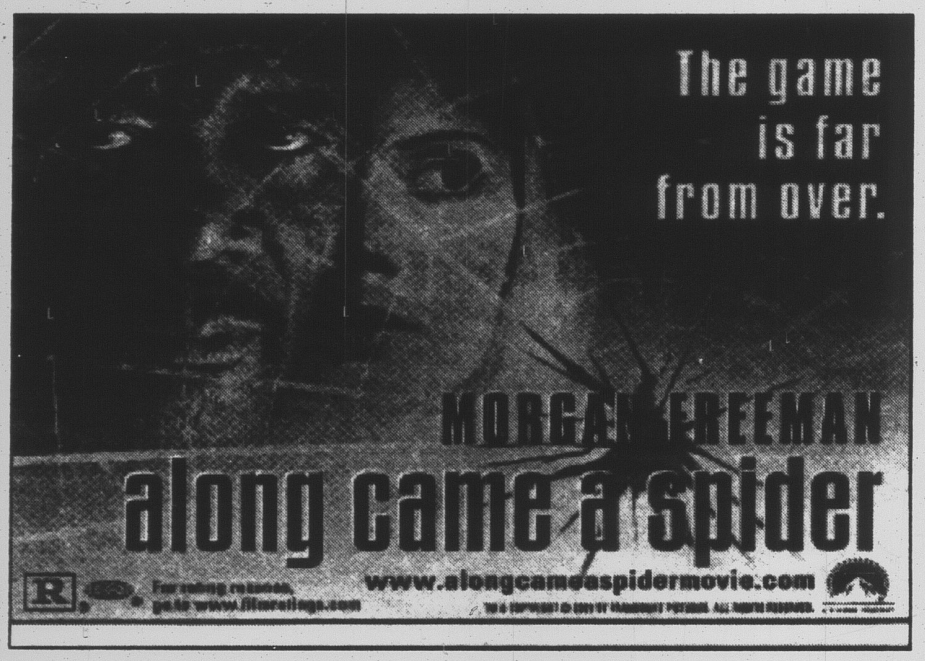
At the Down Under



Movie Fun!
Sept. 15 - Saturday @ 8:00 p.m.
Drive in Movie:

Shrek

Sept. 16 - Sunday @ 9:00 p.m.

Along Came a Spider

Upcoming Events for Fall '01:

Sept. 21 - Gateway Clipper

Sept. 29 - Family Day

Oct. 13 - Homecoming

Comic: Andrew Kennedy

And much, much more!

JT's Cafe

Featuring "Sound Adjustment" from 10:30 p.m. to Midnight.

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts — you provide the chatting!

Baked goods will be available with the cappuccino. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, September 16 from 10:00 p.m. til 2:00 a.m.

Friday, September 21, 2001

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Alumnus was spared by luck in WTC attack

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Graig O'Shane

By Pam Mansell
THE HERALD, Sharon

For Graig O'Shane, being late to work Tuesday morning might well have saved his life.

O'Shane, a native of New Wilmington and graduate of Kennedy Catholic High School and Westminster College, lives in Manhattan. Until Tuesday, the 23-year-old worked on the 104th floor of the World Trade Center South Tower for an investment banking group.

His mother, Jane O'Shane, said her son called her just before she saw the television coverage of the attack on the WTC, so she was spared the worry about his safety.

O'Shane told her that he and a friend who was staying at his apartment — Brian Hart of Mercer, a fellow Kennedy graduate — were putting out the garbage Tuesday morning, and that caused him to be about five minutes late getting to work.

O'Shane told family members that he was about 40 yards from the WTC when he heard the first plane, looked up, and saw it crash into the building. The explosion, he told his mother, made the ground shake.

Like everyone else in the vicinity, he turned and ran. O'Shane and Hart, along with O'Shane's wife, eventually got out of Manhattan by walking to Brooklyn. There they caught a bus to Long Island, where they had friends to stay with. Mrs. O'Shane said the three are tentatively planning to return to their homes in this area today.

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Students fear for troops

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

The Pentagon announced Tuesday that the United States will be increasing its military presence in the Middle East. This decision was made in light of last week's terrorist attacks on New York and Washington D.C. President Bush called up 35,000 reserves this week, and 15,000 sailors and Marines left Norfolk, Va. Wednesday aboard 12 ships and two submarines bound for the Mediterranean Sea.

The President also signed a congressional resolution authorizing him to use military force against those responsible. "Our whole nation is unalterably committed to a direct, forceful and comprehensive response to these terrorist attacks," Bush said in a statement. "It's time for actions, not negotiations, with the Taliban," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer added.

The deployment of troops and calling of the reserves has hit close to home with some students. Although the soldiers vary in relationship, branch of service and location, one feeling is uniform among their acquaintances: fear.

Senior Lani Nuss is concerned for her older brother who installs computers in fighter planes at Pope Air Force Base in Fort Bragg, NC. No one at the base has been allowed to wear military clothing since the attack, and employees are subject to searches. After speaking with her brother, Nuss said, "He's apprehensive, but ready." Nuss is not so ready. "I'm worried that he's going to go soon. I don't want them sending him anywhere."

A high school friend of sophomore Justin Joseph is in his first year at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. "He was really nervous the night of the attacks," Joseph said. "They locked down the halls and no one was allowed to go anywhere." His friend was told that although it is unlikely, he might be needed overseas. "He's nervous about it. I would be too," Joseph said.

Senior Jennifer Cano's boyfriend is already overseas, serving in Bosnia with the

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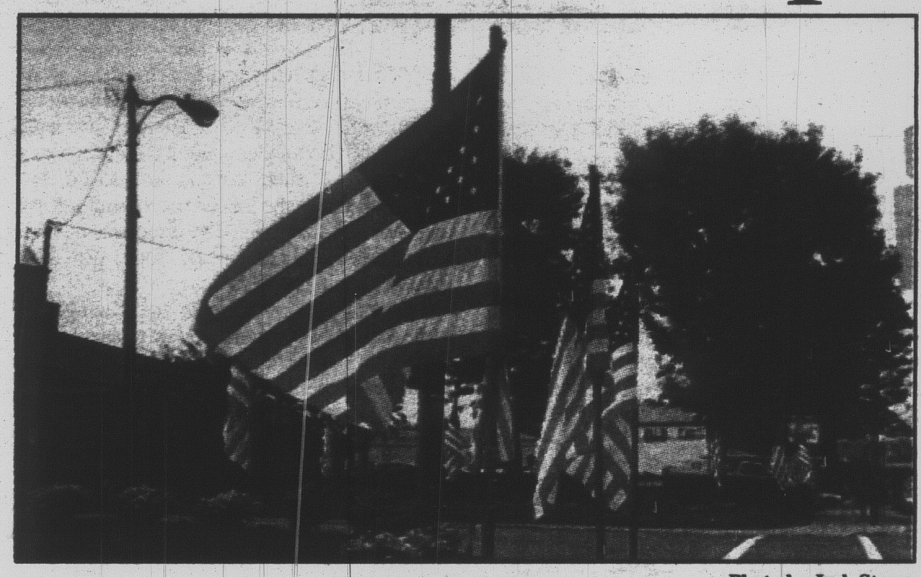

Photo by Josh Storey
New Wilmington decorates Market Street in true patriotic fashion.

Renovations to end Spring 2003

By Jon McKay and Biz Adams
STAFF WRITERS

The new campus center will be completed in the spring of 2003, and will include several new features. The $12.5 million renovations and additions will offer students a more modern and convenient union building.

Included in the new campus center will be a two-story bookstore, the mailroom, the Down Under, a performance area with a two-sided stage, and a movie theatre which may incorporate a satellite to download and show films sooner after their release.

The center will also include a seminar room, and three new meeting rooms will take the place of the A and B rooms in the former TUB. The lounge section will include new furniture and television sets. The center will also house several campus organizations, including student publications and student government.

The grille and convenience store will be moved back into the campus center, and will possibly contain seating booths with data

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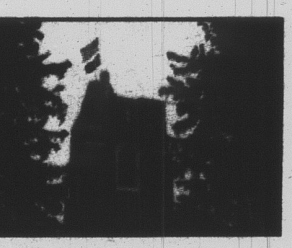

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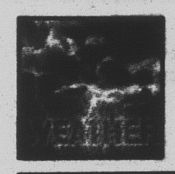

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Dorms to be remodeled and to receive new furniture

By Melissa Logan
STAFF WRITER

Browne, Shaw and Ferguson are currently receiving face-lifts thanks to funding from the Residential Hall Improvement Plan. As part of an on-going process, all residential halls on campus are being renovated.

This summer, remodeling began in Browne and Shaw as a result of President Williamson's declaration that dorm improvements were a priority in the budget. All rooms in both buildings received loftable wooden bed frames and carpeting throughout the facility. Additional improvements completed so far in Browne include new desks and desk chairs for each resident.

Still to be replaced in Browne lounge are wallpaper and furniture, including love seats, chairs, a coffee table and end tables. These tasks are scheduled for completion around Thanksgiving.

Molly Burnett, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, along with her committee, is responsible for dispersing the budget and choosing colors and patterns to complement each building. "My goal is to spend money where students see results," Burnett explains.

Shaw's summer improvements were more costly and time consuming than Browne's, due to the removal of asbestos floor tiles from under the old carpet which totaled an estimated $25,000-$30,000. Burnett assures that there are no health concerns related to this project. Beds, similar to Browne's, were also issued to each resident. Additional upgrades, including lounge carpet and furniture, were made in Shaw over Christmas break last year.

Minor work has begun in Ferguson as well, concentrating on the lobby furniture and carpet, front desk area and beds for the triples.

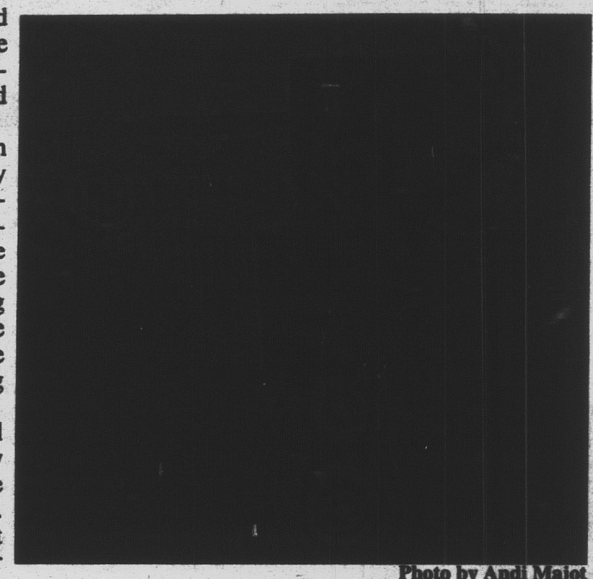
Problems developed as a result of the new furniture, however. Kelly Coldren, Resident Director of Browne, explained that lofts were not given out when students arrived on the first day because the loft company sent incorrect side stabilizer bars. The issue was quickly addressed and one loft per room was distributed within a few days.

The majority of students are voicing the same thoughts as senior Browne resident Erin Wheeler. "I think this is ridiculous. I had to wait over a week to get my room situated with lofts." Although pleased with the furniture now, students of Browne and Shaw did not understand why the lofts were not checked for problems long before students arrived on campus.

Delays preventing completion of Browne, Ferguson and possibly Jeffers' lobbies are a result of conflicting schedules. "I have contacted various contractors who are able to do the job. However, we don't want to wait until spring when the contractors have the time. We want to get things done now." Burnett is currently waiting to hear back from the companies.

The bid given to Burnett will determine whether Jeffers' lobby furniture and wallpaper will be redone this year or will be put off. Burnett explains that she just wants to get the most products for the college's money.

Room furniture in Ferguson, Browne and Shaw were an estimated $150,000, and lobby furniture $45,000. Carpeting in Browne, Shaw and Jeffers totaled nearly $65,000. Renovations, overall, were approximately $260,000.



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Shaw's new lobby furniture.

Building access for disabled students and visitors to improve

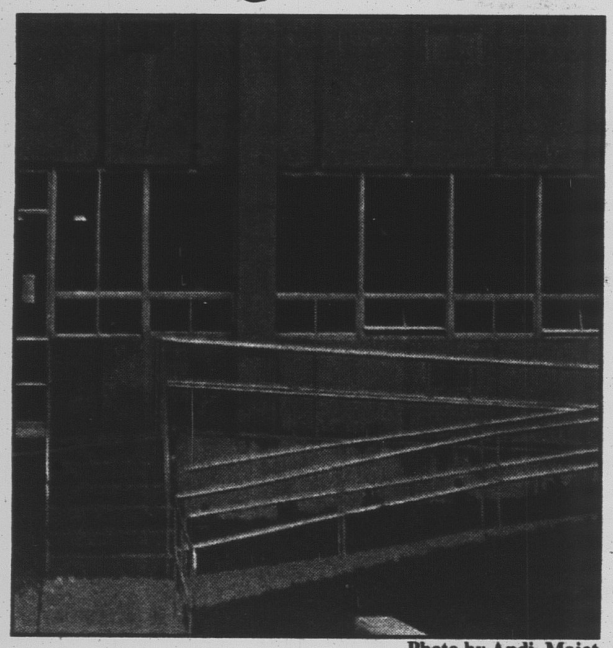

Photo by Andi Majot
Handicap ramp behind Patterson.

By Jessica Vittucio
STAFF WRITER

Handicap access is very limited on campus, but work is being done to change that.

Some major problem areas include the women's dormitories and the newly renovated field house. These are just a few of the restrictions facing some students and campus visitors.

According to Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, the reason there are not handicap accessible doors or push button doors at the field house is "The school did not spend enough money during the renovation to warrant putting in a handicap door. Until recently there were not even handicap parking spots available down at the field house," Hawthorne said. There are now two handicap parking spots at the field house.

Another complication facing disabled people trying to gain entrance to the field house is ramp access. The only ramps onto the raised portion of the field house are located at the edge of the parking lot. This area also happens to be the most common place for visiting teams to park and leave their buses.

Female dormitories are lacking in handicap accessibility as well. There are no dorms on campus on ground level. Ferguson has a ramp up to the front door but does not have a push-button door or elevator. Galbreath does not have ramp access or a push-button door but does have a freight elevator located inside. According to Hawthorne, the dorm most likely to be made completely handicap accessible will be Galbreath. "This way freshman students will be comfortable living in the same building for their four years at Westminster, as Galbreath normally houses first year students as well as upper-class women," Hawthorne said.

There is a handicap accessible room and bathroom in Eichenauer located near the push-button door into the building. "This was made accessible when a male student attended Westminster who was wheelchair bound," Hawthorne said.

As for the new student union, there is no need to worry about handicap access. There are plans for access at the front door and at a door located near the southeast tower. There will also be two elevators in the union: a service elevator and a passenger elevator.

"A third elevator has been put on hold until we are able to raise additional funding," Hawthorne said. In the west tower "knock-out plates" have been installed to make it easier to put in the third elevator. "Throughout the building there will be ramps up and down as well," Hawthorne said. "The ADA, The Americans with Disabilities Act, guidelines have been met in the union according to architects," Hawthorne said.

"This campus is not that conducive to people in wheelchairs, but there are a lot of things we can do," Hawthorne said.

Hoyt to undergo additional modification in summer 2002

By Karen Coulter
STAFF WRITER

Phase I of a $300,000 construction project has been completed at Hoyt. Six warped exterior wall panels were replaced by Linton Industries of New Castle during the summer term, eliminating a moisture problem along the windows of the south and east sides of the building.

Owen Wagner, director of the Physical Plant, worked with Winslow Engineering Consultants of Hermitage, Pa. and the Precast Concrete Institute. It was determined that the heating and cooling cycles of the building caused the warping. With high summer temperatures, the 30x4 ft. concrete panels actually bowed and caused windows to pop out, creating an unsafe situation.

The vacuum between the layers of glass in the windows was also lost with the expansion of the concrete windowsill, resulting in moisture and fogging.

Larry Ratvasky, who acted as the project manager/owner's representative, explained that the replacements occurred because of design criteria used in the 70's. The original construction of Hoyt in 1972 was up to the standards available at that time and was perfectly safe. The panels, however, were constructed without properly sized expansion joints. Over time, the expansion and contraction exceeded the design expectations.

The project started with asbestos abatement on May 25 due to the presence of fibers in the sprayed-on fire retardant materials at Hoyt. "Safety was of primary concern," Ratvasky reported, "as was compliance with standards of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Labor and Industry." All drop ceiling tiles and carpets were replaced in the math department to eliminate any doubt of asbestos contamination. Penn. Environmental of Erie tented the area during removal and supplied safe disposal of the items.

A 12-step process which included new panels, windows and fireproofing with a non-asbestos sealer was completed Aug. 24, 2001. William Birkhead, vice president of finance, confirmed that the balance of funds would be used to correct warped panels on the third floor. Phase II will begin the summer of 2002.

The new composite panels will not warp, but may require additional painting and caulking. The life expectancy of the panels is 15 to 20 years, as compared to the 50 plus of the pre-cast panels. "Because of the uncertainty of the slab situation, this was a low cost solution, an inexpensive method at this time," Ratvasky said.

It was determined in the summer of 2000 that Hoyt's floor was raising and shifting due to part of the building resting on slag. The first indication was the distortion of ceiling tiles, which have now been leveled. A center roof drain was discovered broken and was also repaired. The moisture from the drain caused the slag to expand and raise the floor. Though the situation is still being monitored, it has been stabilized to the point that no action is necessary at this time.

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ports. The building will be air conditioned, and elevators will also be installed.

To accompany the modernization of the interior, the exterior of the building is also undergoing changes. An all-glass wall facing the lake and an outdoor terrace will dress up the outside of the building.

The new campus center will contain about 78,000 square ft., half of this brand new construction. To put that into perspective, that number is about three and a half times as large as the square footage of Thompson-Clark Hall.

Freeman Hall and the former TUB will be connected when the construction is completed in spring of 2003.

The TUB has been gutted, but the frame of the building will remain standing, supplementing the construction of the new campus center. The completed structure will fill in the small parking lot located between Freeman and the TUB and will only extend six to eight additional ft. in front of Freeman Hall out into the Quad.

William Birkhead, Chair of the Campus Center Implementation Team (CCIT), wants to keep the campus informed of the construction going on in the Quad.

"By the end of September, signs will be erected around the perimeter of the construction displaying views from both north and south vantages of the new center. This will give students and faculty of Westminster an impression of how the center will look when it is completed," said Birkhead.

Birkhead also stressed safety during the construction. "We are encouraging students and faculty to stay completely away from the construction area," Birkhead said. "We definitely do not want anyone to be injured."

Students traveling to Hoyt Science Center and Patterson will no longer have to hike around the fences surrounding the quad. Neil Edmund, Dean of student affairs, said, "The fences surrounding the construction will be brought back to the small black fence by October 1."

Students seem to be coping with the construction well. Senior Brian Lytle does not mind the fenced-in quad. "Although it's an inconvenience now, the end result will be well worth the wait," Lytle said.

Photo by Andi Majot

Campus Center construction continues.

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Army. "I just spoke with him today. Everyone in his division is on full alert," Cano said. "He's already overseas, so he doesn't know for sure if he'll have to relocate again." Cano is apprehensive about the situation. "It worries me. Every night I'm afraid he's going to call and say he's on his way out."

Junior Biz Adams is thinking about her close friend from high school who is in his second year in the Army Reserves. "He said the worst part is the uncertainty," Adams said. "He just wants to know if he's going or not."

Adams elaborated on her feelings. "It was hard for me to realize how terrible this situation was until it hit me that my friend might have to fight. I'm scared for him."

These sentiments serve as a microcosm for the rest of the nation. As long as the uncertainty surrounding the Middle East remains, so will the fear in the hearts of the loved ones of American soldiers and sailors.

New men's choir to have first performance at Sept. 23 Vespers

Photo by Heidi Krieger

The men's choir.

By Erika Hink
STAFF WRITER

Assistant Professor of music Robin Lind can't remember the last time the college had a men's choir. But now thanks to her efforts and the enthusiasm of a group of young men, the boys are back in town.

The campus has had two concert choirs for years. Lind thought it would be a good idea to divide the two up and have separate men's and women's choirs.

Right now there are 20 men in the new choir. Lind says they are an experimental group and call themselves "Da Men." Lind and freshman Tom Oyer, accompanist, direct the group.

The men's choir has only been practicing for a few weeks, since the beginning of school. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to Noon.

Although they have only been practicing for a short time, Lind is sure they will be prepared for their first appearance on Sept. 23, at Vespers. Their first actual concert will be on Nov. 12. They will be singing spirituals, English ballads, barbershop quartet style songs and more.

Once the men get some more practice and experience, Lind would like to have them compete at state and regional conferences. She also feels that the men's choir is a spokesgroup for the college. "You don't hear of any famous men's choirs around here. We'd like to make this a really strong tradition."

All men are encouraged to join the choir. Even faculty and staff are allowed to join. As of now, there are no try-outs. Any man who enjoys singing and would like to be part of the group can contact Lind at EXT. x7278.

Lind is very excited about the new men's choir and says she expects wonderful things from them. "They are very dedicated and motivated. They have wonderful voices and are the most fun group of guys."

Quad-a-thon to be held Sept. 28

By Isaac Ludwig
STAFF WRITER

Alpha Phi Omega, a national coed service fraternity, will offer students an opportunity to raise money for the Prince of Peace homeless shelter.

On Sept. 28, in an event called the "Quad-a-thon," students are invited to sleep in cardboard boxes to help raise awareness for the homeless. Alpha Phi Omega will donate $2 for everyone who stays from 10 p.m. - 5 a.m. If participants bring a friend, Alpha Phi Omega will raise its donation to $5.

Founded in 1925, with more than 240,000 members worldwide, Alpha Phi Omega is dedicated to leadership, friendship and service projects. One of these projects is the spring Canoe-a-thon that raises money for AIDS organizations. This event features a water balloon toss and various canoeing races.

Alpha Phi Omega donates money earned ushering for the Celebrity Series to various charities. The service group also volunteers at the Shenango Home and the rescue mission in New Castle. This organization is, "definitely a worthwhile cause," said Christian Reifsteck, president of Alpha Phi Omega.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of Alpha Phi Omega is invited to attend upcoming events. These events include the Quad-a-thon, an 80's dance in the Down Under and a poker night in Hillside. This is a "nice way to meet people and get involved," Reifsteck said. Anyone who has questions can contact Reifsteck at EXT. x6760.

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Mrs. O'Shane's sister, Mary Beth Herrick, also escaped a close encounter with yesterday's horror.

Mrs. Herrick works at the Pentagon. On Tuesday, however, she was assigned to work at Crystal City, another government complex in the Washington area.

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SPORTS

Titan golf ties LaRoche for team championship

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

Titan golfers hit the links in impressive fashion this past Thursday, capturing the 18-team Pitt-Greensburg Invitational.

In the team event, Westminster tallied a four-man score of 317, averaging about seven strokes over par in the first outing of the season. Good enough to tie LaRoche College for the team championship. The team looked to fifth man, sophomore Kevin McCreary, for the tie-breaking win.

Individually, junior Drew Aufderheide, who took individual honors with a two-over par 74, led the titans.

Freshman Scott Voelker shot four strokes back with a 78, while junior Dave Blazek and senior Jim McGovern rounded out the scoring with respective totals of 83 and 84. Kevin McCreary's 88 points sealed the deal.

The Titan "B" team chalked-up a solid four-man total of 344. Senior Justin Young and freshman Matt Faccenda led the way with rounds of 83, while junior Josh Latore followed closely with 88.

Coach Gene Nicholson, in his second season with the program, looks to be on the right track. After finishing second in last year's PAC Invitational, the team is looking to improve their previous 56-36-2 record.

The Titans return to the greens this weekend at the Malone Invitational in Canton, Ohio.

Golf's popularity in America has grown in recent years due to the arrival of Tiger Woods on the international scene. Scottish in origin, golf was, and is still in many places considered the game of kings, restricted to the upper classes that can afford the price of equipment, greens fees and club memberships. Woods' success, as an African-American in a historically WASP dominated game, has sparked interest among the general public.

Such interest has spawned a number of films, either featuring golf or based entirely upon the game and its players, such as *Happy Gilmore, Tin Cup* and last summer's flop, *The Legend of Bagger Vance*. The sport has made cameo appearances in films as varied in genre as *The Thomas Crown Affair* and *American Pie*.

Women's tennis team shuts out Thiel 9-0

By Ashley Mondale
STAFF WRITER

The women's tennis team increased their record on Saturday with a 9-0 shutout against Thiel. Although the match against Mt. Union was postponed on Sept.11 due to the day's events, the ladies have a record of 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the President's Athletic Conference (PAC). The match against Case Western Reserve University also made this record possible due the victory in the last match, giving the team a 5-4 win on Sept. 14.

Coach, S. Kipley Haas and the players are reflecting a lot of excitement for this year. "We play better with every match and are looking forward to meeting the conference schools," Haas said.

According to senior Brenda Rowland, "this should be a good season for us. We have a lot of talent on our team." Junior Molly Householder feels that "this season should be one of the best. We are playing very well and plan to be strong competitors in our section."

One thing besides good playing adding to the success of the team is the harmony between the players. Householder summed this up by saying "most of all, we are having fun as a team. All the girls get along and we enjoy playing tennis together." Rowland added "our team works well together. We practice hard and put all of our hearts into every match."

With a strong starting line-up and many returning players, the team is looking forward to many wins. When not competing, the girls are out on the courts practicing their skills and techniques to ensure success.

The girls have high expectations for this season. "It already has been such an awesome experience," said first-year player and student Beth Grubbs.

Titan football improves record to 1-1 with win over Geneva

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

The football team ended Geneva's five-year winning streak against the Titans Saturday as they posted a 12-7 non-conference victory in the Beaver County Rotary Classic. The Titans improved their record to 1-1 on the season with the win.

Senior inside linebacker Eric Witt got the Titans on the board early with a first-quarter interception off the hands of Geneva quarterback Ben Swallow. Witt ran the ball back 30 yards for the touchdown.

Junior cornerback Joe Stern picked off another pass from Swallow late in the second quarter and ran an incredible 98 yards for the second touchdown.

The limited offense yielded just five first downs and 53 yards of total offense. The sophomore quarterback threw for 34 yards, completing 5 of 16 passes.

Junior tailback Joe Patoray led the Titans in rushing with 20 yards. Senior wide receiver Brian Lipiello caught two passes for 20 yards.

The Titan defense shone a little brighter, however. It racked up five sacks in the game. Four came from junior defensive end Joe Bianco. Bianco's efforts earned him the title Beaver County Rotary Classic Defensive Player of the Game. Junior defensive tackle Charles Kiger also posted a sack.

Cross country triumphs again

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

Titan harriers brought home a pair of wins from the Notre Dame of Ohio Invitational this past weekend.

Senior Captain Jacob Gleason led the way, winning the men's eight-kilometer race in 27:36. The Titans sealed the victory by capturing six of the top 10 places, scoring 27 points to top Grove City, Cuyahoga Community, Notre Dame and Thiel.

Desiree Henry continued her unbeaten streak covering the 3.1-mile course in 19:50, leading the women to a second place finish in the four-team meet.

Both teams will compete at the St. Vincent College Invitational this Saturday in Latrobe, PA.

Women's soccer thrashes Thiel 10-0; Men add two wins to unbeaten streak

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The women's soccer team improved to 4-1 in the season with a 10-0 thrashing of Thiel College at home last Friday.

Seniors Ashley Pyle and Stacy Tempalski, junior Tammy Newell and sophomore Danielle White scored two goals apiece in the match, while senior Heidi Vogt and sophomore Alyssa Pyle added one goal each.

The ladies will face PAC rival Grove City at home today. Kick-off is set for 4:30pm.

The men's team added two more wins to their unbeaten streak with a 2-0 blanking of LaRoche College this past Saturday.

After a scoreless first half, sophomore forward Matt Roser capitalized on an assist from junior James Green. The second and final goal of the game came off a flawlessly executed penalty shot by freshman John Booth.

Senior goalie Jim Hauser kept the scoreboard in the Titans' favor by stopping five shots for the shutout.

The team returns to action at home 6 p.m. Saturday night against PAC rival, Thiel.

Taking a break from athletics

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Last weekend was strange. Turning on the television, there were no baseball scores, college football games or NFL rivals competing. There wasn't even a golf or tennis match to see. Instead, images of collapsing towers and evil in our world filled the screen and the headlines. Nothing about Barry Bonds and the Seattle Mariners chasing records. Not even a mention of the Steelers and the Browns. Something far more important was taking place—and the country paused.

Watching and playing sports for most is an escape from everyday life. It's a way to release built-up aggressions and tensions. But they are just games. Sometimes this gets lost in our society where the bigger, faster and stronger prevail. This was not the case last weekend when the insignificance of sports and other entertainment was shown by the cancellation or postponement of major events. Sports provide a diversion, which is why Churchill kept the theaters open during the bombing of London, and why FDR kept baseball going during World War II. However, the deliberate attacks of terrorists in the United States were too much for our country.

Who is going to say when sports are appropriate again? Who will say when it is ok to laugh, play games, watch sitcoms and soap operas, or enjoy a beautiful day? No one has that job, yet life must go on. No matter when the games start, it will be too soon. But I miss the joy and life shown in competition. I miss the diversion of sports.

These days have been a time to recognize heroes and mourn a tragedy unlike anything we have seen in our lifetime. Sports did not have a place during this time and the people in charge did the right thing by putting competitions on hold. For the rest of the season, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" will be replaced with "God Bless America" during the seventh inning stretch at baseball games. The National Anthem played before games will take on a greater role than ever before. Not only is it traditional, but it will be a memorial and a symbol of pride for our entire country. Before the event, no matter who the fans are rooting for, that song will unite stadiums and spectators for a few minutes.

Now that sports have resumed, the atmosphere is different. Normalcy is a thing of a past. Maybe fewer players will talk back to refs and umps. Maybe there won't be as many competitors trying to hurt each other, and instead, they might just be playing the game as it should be played. Maybe people will realize that it is just a game and that there are far bigger things in our world than a scoreboard.

Want more sports?

Look for an update on the Women's Volleyball team.

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Voice recorder recovered from Somerset crash site

By Charles Sheehan
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP) -- Searchers have recovered the cockpit voice recorder from United Flight 93 that could reveal whether passengers tried to overpower the hijackers.

The black box was found Friday evening buried 25 feet deep inside the V-shaped canyon the airliner gouged as it crashed into a field in rural southwestern Pennsylvania. All 45 people aboard the San Francisco-bound flight from Newark, N.J., were killed.

A few miles from the crash scene, Gov. Tom Ridge spoke at a candlelight vigil Friday evening and lauded what he called the heroism of the passengers.

"The passengers on that plane decided to fight back against their hijackers," Ridge told a crowd of about 3,000 in Somerset. "They undoubtedly saved hundreds, if not thousands, of lives in the process. They sacrificed themselves for others—the ultimate sacrifice."

Several passengers made cell phone calls before the plane crashed, saying they had been hijacked and were trying to decide how to thwart the terrorists' plans. They found out during those calls that two other planes had just crashed into the World Trade Center.

Deena Burnett said her husband, Thomas Burnett, 38, called her from the hijacked plane and said: "I know we're all going to die—there's three of us who are going to do something about it."

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said that the military had been monitoring the plane and was in a position to intercept it.

"I think it was the heroism of the passengers on board that brought it down, but the Air Force was in a position to do so if we had had to," he said on PBS's "NewsHour With Jim Lehrer."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Friday that he is looking into the possibility of recommending the Presidential Medal of Freedom for passengers aboard the flight.

FBI spokesman Bill Crowley said the plane's voice recorder, designed to record the final 30 minutes of conversation in the cockpit, appeared to be in relatively good condition. It was sent to a National Transportation Safety Board laboratory in Washington to be analyzed.

Cell phone companies donate to rescue effort

By Hillary Copsey
The Post (Ohio U.)

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio—From cell phones to laptops, technology saturates American life, sometimes simplifying it and other times complicating it.

But the latest technology could aid rescue workers in New York and Washington, D.C.-including Ohio's Task Force One-as they struggle to find survivors of Tuesday's attacks.

The 72-man Task Force One took along $2 million of technical equipment, including sonic listening devices, heavy-duty lifting machines and snake-like cameras that can bore through concrete, said Scott Hall, Task Force One public information officer.

And from the moments the two airplanes were hijacked Tuesday, cell phones have helped contact and locate victims and keep thousands of rescue workers in constant communication.

Verizon Wireless donated more than 5,000 phones to rescue workers, said Andrea Linskey, a Verizon spokeswoman. The company also has 10 portable cellular sites-known as cows-in Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh and the New York area, including one at the World Trade Center wreckage.

Cows help pick up any outgoing calls made by victims within the wreckage and also alleviate the heavy cellular traffic going to permanent towers. Cows also can help locate victims.

"It will not pinpoint a location on one person, but it will give a general area," Linskey said. "It's good to know they're alive, and (knowing their general location) can make it easier to get to them quickly."

Other companies, including Sprint PCS, have donated cows and phones.

Dan Wilinsky, Sprint spokesman, said the company is cooperating with the American Red Cross and local officials in the disaster areas to get phone service to rescue workers, victims and their families.

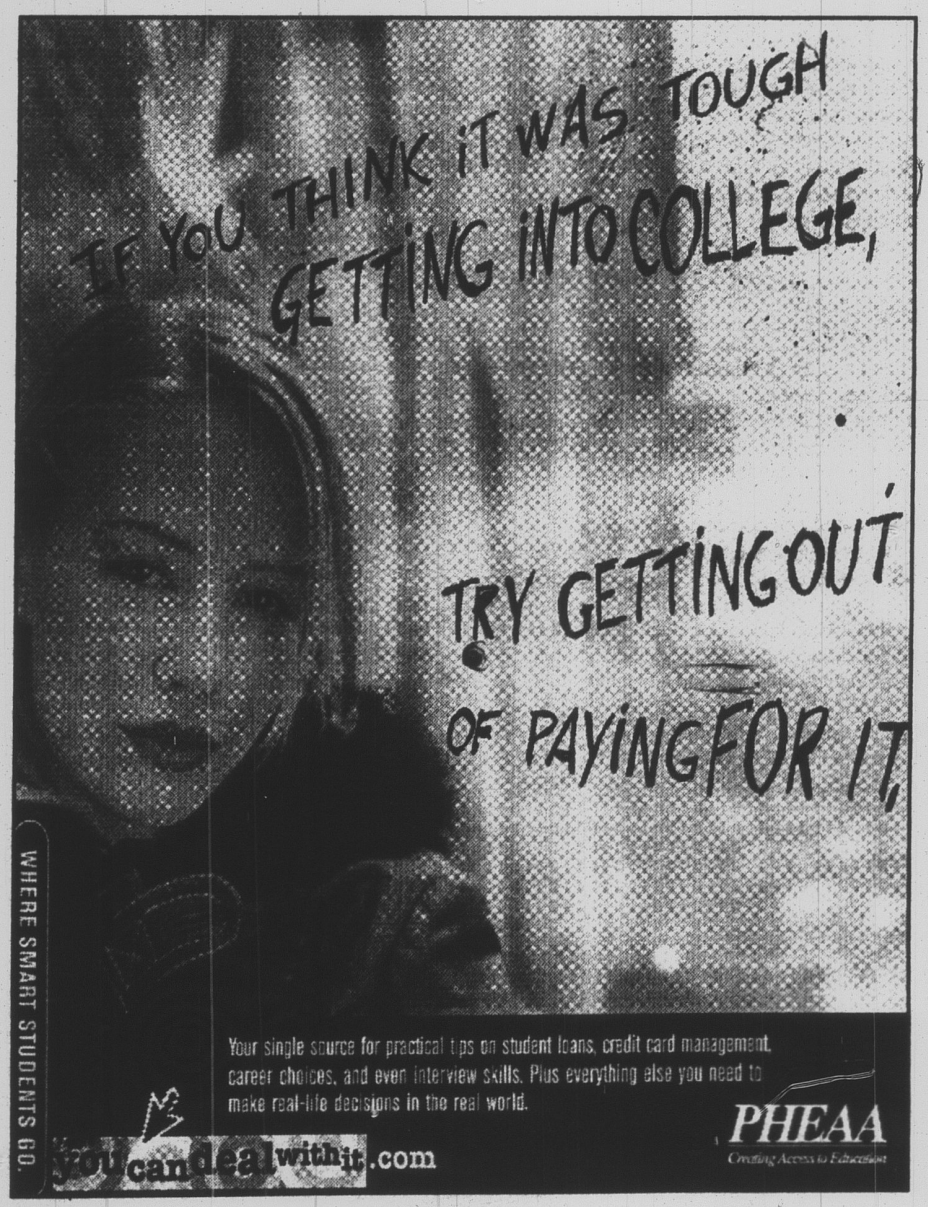
Ohio University configured a satellite it has controlled since May to redirect telephone lines away from congested areas, said Dennis Irwin, chairman of OU's School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

And satellite phones might be of further help in locating victims, said Jay Van Rein, spokesman for the California Office of Emergency Services, which sent three urban search and rescue teams to New York.

Satellite phones do not connect to land lines like cell phones but send signals directly to satellites, so they can be tracked more readily, said Paul Buttafuoco, president of Mobell Communications, a satellite phone company.

"You can pinpoint satellite phones, but they aren't very common," Van Rein said.

Though the phones are more expensive than cell phones, users of satellite phones pay flat and per-minute rates; it is possible some companies in the World Trade Center had given satellite phones to their employees or had kept them in the office, Buttafuoco said.



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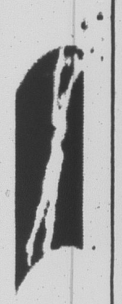

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NATIONAL

Muslim student attacked Tuesday at Indiana University

By Pritha Gupta & Melinda Tam
Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind— While walking to class at Indiana University Tuesday afternoon, a Muslim student was physically assaulted and verbally harassed by a white student.

Nurakmal Yunos, a Muslim-Malaysian taking classes at IU, was greeting a friend in Arabic when she was forcefully slapped on her back by a white male.

According to Yunos, the aggressor asked if "she was going to the mosque for one of those killing-spree classes?" He went on to say, "well you should just go home bitch, we don't want you here. You are nothing but Muslim trash."

Yunos said she waited for the male to leave.

While she is physically fine, she still feels threatened that others will judge her based on her appearance.

"I just kept quiet because I didn't want to start anything," Yunos said. "I thought if I shut up it would just go away."

Yunos reported the harassment to the IU Police Department Wednesday morning, she said.

Yunos stressed that other international students on campus should be aware that this could happen to them as well.

"We as Muslims in no way contribute to any act of violence," Yunos said.

Even though she has suffered this attack, Yunos remains understanding of the pain and anger that motivated her attacker.

"I know at the moment, people are going through a lot of emotions but they should not go around hurting others," Yunos said. "This will not bring anyone back."

Yunos is not the only student on campus who has been assaulted since Tuesday's attacks. IUPD has confirmed one other incident of harassment, but would not release details.

The Muslim Student Union reported three other unconfirmed reports of other incidences evoked by the aftermath of the attack on America.

The IUPD is aware of the hate crimes that have been occurring on campus and are actively pursuing all leads.

"We are patrolling all areas that might be at risk," said Lt. Jerry Minger.

According to Minger, IUPD is actively patrolling religious organizations and residential facilities.

Since Tuesday some students have been hostile toward certain groups, but most are keeping in mind that IU must stay united, one student said.

"(Muslims) are being blamed for something they obviously had nothing to do with," said sophomore Natalie Nachman, who has heard of verbal and physical assault on campus.

Jake Oakman, IU Student Association president, said he is disturbed by these assaults.

"The acts here are as ridiculous and cowardly as what happened in New York and Washington," he said. "Taking out what you feel on others because of their skin color is ridiculous."

—National Briefs

Five killed at rave

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) -- County officials are seeking to recover nearly $200,000 spent in law enforcement costs from the promoters of an all night rave party that resulted in five deaths and numerous injuries.

Sheriff Gary Penrod and First District Supervisor Bill Postmus submitted a bill earlier this week for $198,161 to the promoters of the Nocturnal Wonderland Festival and to the Chairman of the Chemehuevi Tribal Council, according to a sheriff's department statement.

The 14-hour rave party took place on Labor Day weekend on a mile-long landing strip on Chemehuevi reservation land that drew more than 20,000 people.

Five people were killed and sheriff's deputies arrested 82 people. There also were numerous traffic accidents and several serious injuries, followed by a search and rescue operation, according to the statement.

Before the festival, sheriff's officials had asked tribal leaders to cancel the concert because it was scheduled to take place during a period the department feared would endanger the public.

County officials "believe that such events are irresponsible and it would be ill advised to stage a similar event in the future," the statement read.

A phone call placed Thursday evening to the tribe was not immediately returned.

But in a previous interview, Tribal Chairman Edward D. "Tito" Smith had said they accepted the concert so the cash-strapped tribe could pay for a new day care center on the reservation.

TV Emmy Awards rescheduled

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Television's Emmy Awards, scheduled for Sunday night, will take place in October due to terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

The ceremony will take place at its originally scheduled venue, the Shrine Auditorium, Oct. 7, the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences said Friday.

CBS will broadcast the event live.

Organizers said they "will present a program that is different in tone and approach and that is respectful and that expresses the solidarity between the television community and the American people in dealing with this tragedy."

"Traditionally, the Emmys are a tribute to the television industry, however, on this night, the industry will also join together with the nation to reaffirm the spirit of the American people," the academy and CBS said in a joint statement.

The Museum of Television & Radio agreed to postpone its Oct. 7 event at the Shrine Auditorium to make way for the Emmys.

The Latin Grammys scheduled for last Tuesday also were canceled following the attacks, but Recording Academy President Michael Greene has said winners will receive their awards even if the event is never rescheduled.

Nominated Cuban artists in Havana donated blood Friday in support of terrorist attack victims, the Cuban news media reported.

Harvard denies ties to bin Laden

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UWIRE) -- With federal authorities investigating Osama bin Laden, Harvard University has come under fire as a recipient of bin Laden family money.

Sheik Bakr Mohammed bin Laden, Osama bin Laden's brother, made two gifts to the University in 1993 and 1994 to fund fellowships for advanced study in Islamic culture. One such fellowship, at the Harvard Law School, provides funds for "research on the history of legal institutions in Islamic states past and present, particularly insofar as they uphold or apply the Islamic shari'a."

Another, at the Harvard Design School, provides money for "advanced studies in Islamic architecture...and appropriate building technologies as they pertain to Islamic built environments"

Wednesday, University officials quickly distanced themselves from Osama bin Laden, saying the gifts are "in no way connected" to the terrorist.

"The bin Laden family is very large, with dozens of siblings and half siblings who bear the bin Laden name," read a statement released by the University.

Harvard's ties to bin Laden money have come into question before. In 1998, after Osama bin Laden was accused of the embassy bombings in Africa, then-University spokesperson Alex S. Huppt said, "It's clear the Saudi bin Laden money is being put to good use here."

Goodall urges U.S. to react peacefully

NORMAN, Okla. (UWIRE) -- Jane Goodall is world-famous for her groundbreaking work with chimpanzees. Wednesday, in the wake of the World Trade Center attacks less than a mile from her office, she shared her thoughts on humanity.

She said the scene reminds her of her childhood in London during the Blitz.

"I remember the war very vividly," she said. "I was only a child, but it is ingrained very deeply."

The British have been dealing with terrorism for decades and are more accustomed to it than Americans, she said.

"One has a different perspective on terror because we've lived with it so long," she said.

Goodall is a proponent of non-violence and she urged America to use caution when it reacts.

"I can understand that everyone wants revenge," she said. "Solving it without war is the best. It just replicates the suffering."

DuPont donates $5 million to Sept. 11 cause

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) -- DuPont will donate $5 million to assist victims of this week's terrorist attacks and their families.

The money will be earmarked for the education of the children of firefighters, police and other uniformed emergency workers who died in the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington.

The Wilmington-based chemical giant is also giving its highest priority to producing materials and products used in disaster relief, recovery and rebuilding, Chairman Chad Holliday said.

School principal charged with sexual abuse

FAYETTEVILLE, W.Va. (AP) -- A Fayette County school principal has been indicted on sexual abuse charges.

Edgar W. Friedrichs Jr. of Fayetteville was charged Friday with first-degree sexual abuse and four counts of sexual abuse by a custodian.

The indictments involve two boys, said Fayette County Prosecutor Paul Blake.

In 1997, Friedrichs allegedly took the boys with him on a camping trip in Thurmond while he was principal at the now closed Beckwith Elementary School.

One 12-year-old boy died on the trip from ingesting a prescription drug.

At the time of the incident, the state Medical Examiner could not determine the cause of death.

Friedrichs was not charged in the death, but the boy's parents have filed two separate civil lawsuits against him. Both lawsuits remain unresolved.

After the boy's death, Friedrichs was reassigned to another school, the Fayette Plateau Vo-Tech Center.

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INTERNATIONAL

Afghans preparing for retaliation from U.S.

By Amir Shah
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) -- Fearing a revenge attack by the United States for the hijackings in New York and Washington, Afghanis began leaving their capital Saturday and stocking up on food and other supplies.

"There is no pleasure in life anyway, so I don't care if the bombs come and I have to die along with my children," said Leilama, a 38-year-old mother of six in Kabul. "But the United States should know that the Afghan people are not their enemies."

The Taliban leadership, which is under fire for harboring suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, called on the people to "stand proud" and threatened war on nations that aid in a U.S. assault on Afghanistan.

The Central Asian nation of 21 million people has already endured Soviet invasion, civil war, the rise of the radical Taliban regime, widespread hunger and most recently, a punishing drought. Beleaguered Afghans seemed resigned to adding American fury to their long list of woes.

Residents of Kabul were spending their meager savings to stock up on food. Afghans lined up Saturday outside a barbed wire fence on the border at Torkham, trying to cross into Pakistan. Taliban fighters beat people back with sticks.

"I don't want my children to die in a war," said Sabira, who like many Afghans uses only one name. She waited at the fence with her two boys and two girls, ages 4 to 9.

A 9-year-old boy named Abdul escaped into Pakistan, but his mother, father and siblings were still stuck on the Afghan side. "I won't go back," he said. "I'll just wait and hope they will come, too."

Pakistan and Iran each have about 2 million Afghan refugees already. Saying it cannot accommodate new arrivals, Iran on Saturday ordered its security forces to seal off its 560-mile border with Afghanistan, its interior ministry said. Pakistan has also agreed to close its borders, Pakistani officials said.

Fears of an impending U.S. military attack are rife throughout Afghanistan. Responsibility for Tuesday's terror attacks—the worst in U.S. history—has not been established, but the United States has pointed to bin Laden as the prime suspect.

That makes Afghanistan a likely target of a U.S. assault. The radical Taliban militia, which rules about 95 percent of Afghanistan, has provided a safe haven to bin Laden since 1996.

The Taliban have said they have no intention of handing over bin Laden to the United States unless Washington provides convincing evidence against him.

"I am not afraid of death or of losing power. I am willing to give up power and my seat, but I'm not willing to give up Islam," Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar said in a radio address Friday. "We shall be victorious."

He urged Afghans to remain steadfast, telling them to "stand proud as Afghans in the defense of Islam."

In Islamabad, the Taliban ambassador to Pakistan said Saturday that his militia would wage war on any country aiding U.S. attacks on Afghanistan.

"If any regional or neighboring country helps the United States attack us, it would spark extraordinary dangers. ...It would draw us into a reprisal war," Abdul Salam Zaeef said.

The comments came as Pakistani sources confirmed that Pakistan had agreed to a full list of U.S. demands in the event of an assault on the Taliban.

International Briefs

Titanic chair sold for $44,000

LONDON (AP) _ A deck chair that survived the sinking of the Titanic sold at auction for 30,000 pounds ($44,000) Saturday.

The mahogany chair is believed to be one of around 50 chairs thrown overboard by ship's baker Charles Joughin as the doomed liner sank, in the hope that passengers could cling to them to stay afloat.

It was plucked from the water by a sailor on one of the rescue ships and given to a French captain, Julien LeMarteleur, who was working in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the time of the disaster, auctioneers Henry Aldridge & Son said.

The deck chair, which has a tiny White Star Line emblem carved into the headrest, was bought by a British collector at the auction in Devizes, 90 miles (140 kilometers) west of London, the company said.

Some 1,500 people died when the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank in the North Atlantic on April 15, 1912. The massive passenger liner was on its maiden voyage from Britain to New York.

Iran seals border with Afghanistan

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) -- Iran has ordered its security forces to seal off the border with Afghanistan to prevent Afghan refugees from entering the country in case of a U.S. retaliation for the terror attacks, the Interior Ministry said Saturday.

In a statement carried by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, the ministry said its military and police forces have been deployed along the 560-mile border to prevent Afghans from crossing over "in the aftermath of the probable U.S. attacks."

Iran has condemned Tuesday's attacks in Washington and New York, but did not say if it plans to join an international coalition against terrorism being assembled by the United States.

Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia is under fire for harboring accused terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, who is a prime suspect in the airborne strikes on New York and Washington.

Iran has said it cannot accommodate the new arrivals, citing more than 2 million Afghan refugees already in the country.

The Interior Ministry called on authorities in the provinces of Khorassan and Sistan-Baluchestan, which border Afghanistan, to cooperate with relief agencies in providing aid to displaced Afghans close to the Iranian border.

Apart from Iran, Pakistan is home to about 2 million Afghan refugees.

Local Sports

Titan volleyball earns fifth at Mt. Union meet

By Lauren Annibale
STAFF WRITER

Lady Titan volleyball is back in action this year, netting a 2-2 record. The Lady Titans, coached by Tammy Swearingen and Assistant Coach Brandon Lewis, return eight letter winners and four returning starters to the roster.

This year, the team is led by seniors Meredith Etcher and Shannon Simmons, who both hope to play major roles in continuing the team's success from last season; the team finished with 12 straight wins and a 27-7 overall record.

Simmons explained, "all of the volleyball coaches and players have high expectations, and I believe we can reach any goal we set."

According to Etcher, some of those goals include remaining undefeated in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) and to win the tournaments the team will be attending throughout the season. Those tournaments will be played at Ohio Wesleyan, Indiana Wesleyan and Hiram College. "I think that it's important to have a team that is committed and hard working, and I think this team definitely fills those roles. All of the players have a part in the success of the team," Etcher said.

The team competed in the Mount Union Invitational in Alliance, Ohio on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. The first day of play was not so successful for the team. They began the season by losing a five-set match to Siena Heights College and a four-set match to Malone College.

On Saturday afternoon, however, the Lady Titans posted wins over Carnegie Mellon University and St. Vincent College. "We had to get out the jitters on the first day and really come together as a team. The second day was a lot better and it showed in our play and in our attitudes. The strong areas were our defense and our passing. A lot of people stepped up and played really well," Etcher said.

The two wins that the team posted on Saturday afternoon were good enough to earn them fifth place honors out of the eight teams participating in the tournament.

"Though our record and play was not what we would have hoped, we were able to learn from our mistakes. We try to learn from our mistakes and become a stronger team every day," Simmons said.

The Lady Titans used those games as learning experiences for the games at the John Carroll/Case Western Reserve Invitational held the weekend of Sept. 14-15. The team also played host this past week to PAC Conference opponents, Thiel, Geneva and Waynesburg.

Upcoming games include traveling to Bethany and the Ohio Wesleyan Invitational in the next week. The next home game is Oct. 12 against Bethany.

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An American Tragedy

A Canadian perspective on the American people

Gordon Sinclair, who died in 1984, was one of Canada's most popular and colorful radio personalities. He will be forever revered in the United States for his commentary titled "The Americans," delivered during his radio program "Let's Be Personal" on June 5, 1973. The commentary, a part of his program on CFRB-AM 1010 Radio in Toronto, was aimed at critics of the United States following the announcement of its withdrawal from Vietnam. Sinclair, who penned "The Americans" on two sheets of paper the morning of his commentary in 20 minutes, delivered the following tribute at 11:45 a.m. The Holcad is reprinting the tribute in its entirety with the permission of CFRB-AM 1010.

"The Americans"

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the Franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios.

You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles.

You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon–not once, but several times–and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose.

Both are still broke.

I can name, you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."

Stand proud, Americans!

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Songs pulled from radio out of respect for Sept. 11 tragedy

Scripps Howard News Service

Dozens of songs, from the Beatles and Frank Sinatra to Rage Against the Machine, have been pulled off some radio stations because of perceived connections to the attacks on the East Coast.

While it's not an outright ban, Clear Channel Communications has come up with a list of 150 songs and suggested that its stations and others not play them.

"It's up to the discretion of the individual programmer to use his or her best judgment," said Mike O'Connor, Clear Channel's director of FM programming for Colorado. "We're just doing what everybody's doing; we're reflecting the mood everyone's in right now."

Even O'Connor admits that some songs are a stretch, but said the company is erring on the side of sensitivity. "But to keep these songs off the radio forever would mean victory for the terrorists," he said. "So they'll trickle back as part of our return to normal."

Some songs seem obvious in their references: The Beastie Boys' "Sabotage," Peter Paul & Mary's "Leavin' on a Jet Plane," Steve Miller's "Jet Airliner," Barry McGuire's "Eve of Destruction," R.E.M.'s "It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)."

Others seem to be curious inclusions: James Taylor's "Fire and Rain," Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife," Neil Diamond's "America," and Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World."

While yanking this many songs is unprecedented, programmers routinely review playlists after any event, be it the Challenger explosion, the Gulf War or the Columbine High School shootings.

"You have to reflect the mood of your community and the country, or else you're out of step," said Jeff Pollock, chairman of Pollock Media Group, a Southern California radio-consulting firm.

For a more complete listing of "lyrically questionable" songs, go to:

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Why is it the only web page that loads is the school page?

It's Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m. and the cafeterid isn't open. What's with this school?

Even inmates would reject our cafeteria food. Kudos.

Why can't every day be perogie day?

Why can't you get milk with your meal at the TUB?

What's up with only red meat being served for dinner on Saturday? Meatball subs, spaghetti with meatballs and beef taco salad. Ew.

Free the Orb!

Why did they remove the benches outside of Galbreath? Was that necessary?

Congrats CPC. I loved the drive-in movie.

Why do the trays always drip on my leg in the cafeteria?

I hate when people stop in the middle of the walkways in the cafeteria to have a conversation. MOVE.

What's up with the Snugger Fit in the Health Center?

How much are those white directional signs going for on Ebay?

Stop down-talking your food service. If you don't have something nice to say, say nothing at all please.

Too many people go home on the weekends. How can you truly experience campus life if you're not here.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not endorse or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Time to rebuild

America refuses to be defeated. In the wake of the tragedies, the country is already talking about rebuilding…and in many ways has already started to.

A week after the towers fell, New York talk show giant, David Letterman returned to the air, not knowing if he should. Rosie O'Donnell came back on the air. A day later, Conan O'Brien came back. Each took it easy for the first couple of days while they mourned their city.

A week after the towers fell, our President urged us to go back to work, to defeat the terrorists by not letting them defeat us.

And now before the death toll is official, the country is talking about rebuilding the towers of the World Trade Center.

Opinions are flying about what should be done. Some suggestions have been to place a memorial on the site, rebuild the towers exactly as they were, build a smaller building or combine a new building and memorial.

The fact is that the towers of the World Trade Center had their own zip code. There were so many businesses housed in the towers that the city would suffer a great loss if they left the city. In order for these businesses to stay, a new structure would probably have to be erected.

Some suggest an exact replica of the building should be built because, symbolically it would mean that the country refused to be affected by the attacks, but how can we rationalize this? We have to weigh symbolic against realistic.

While symbolically it will mean a lot to the country to see the building standing again, realistically can we ignore the fact that more than 5,000 people died because the building was a monstrosity?

And now before the death toll is official, the country is talking about rebuilding the towers of the World Trade Center.

In a Sept. 13 article of the Wall Street Journal, Larry Silverstein, who owns the lease to the World Trade Center, said, "The city is not dead and can't be allowed to die. We owe it to our children and to our grandchildren [to rebuild]."

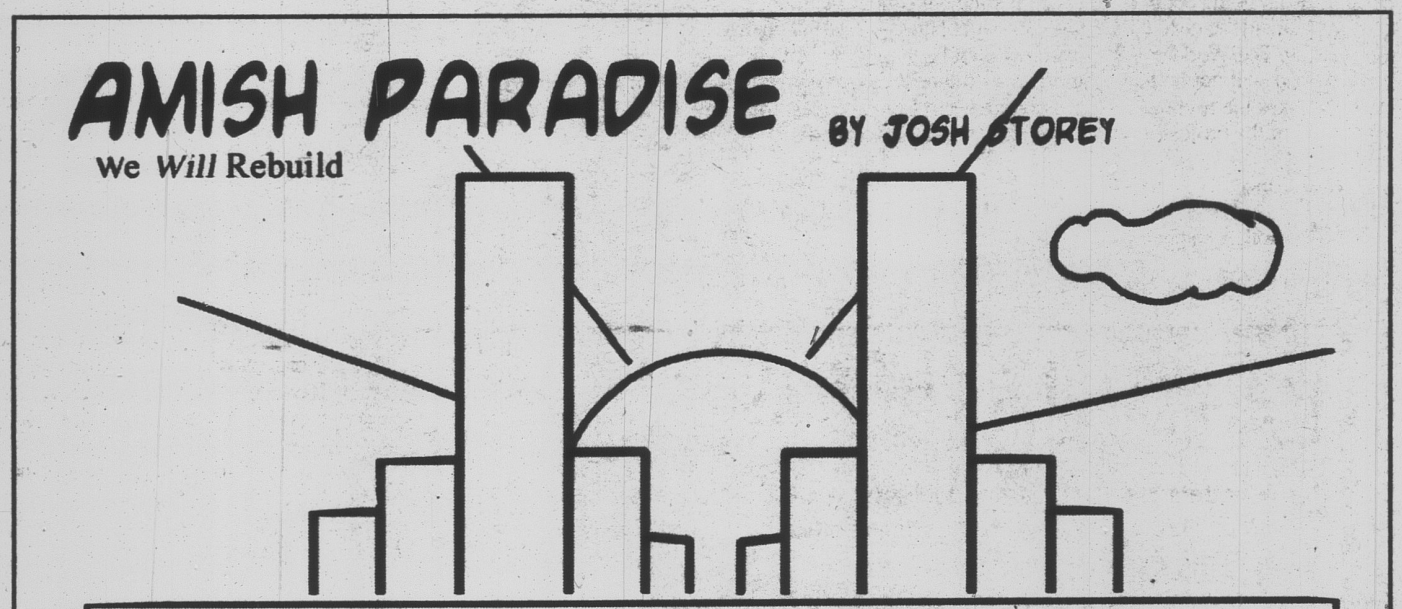
Many people agree with Silverstein, but don't feel a building of the same size should be built.

Whatever they decide, they will have a long time to do it. The rubble hasn't even been cleared away, but the country will rebuild. Five years from now people will go to New York and visit the September Eleventh Memorial. They might walk into the 50 story building and enter a lobby filled with pictures of all the people who lost their lives during the attacks. Businesses will have their offices on floors 5-50, but the first floor will be for the victims, the second floor will be for the Red Cross, which will hold weekly blood drives, the third floor will hold classrooms where people will train for paramedics, firefighters and police officers, the fourth floor will hold a counseling center for those who are suffering from the tragedies and from similar tragedies.

The new building might be used for these purposes, so the world will never forget what happened and how hard it was.

No matter how big or how small, whatever is built where the towers once stood (in the true sense of the word, towering over the city, the greatest city in the world), will be a reminder of the tragedy that will never be forgotten, but no matter how much we're hurting, we have to rebuild.

"We owe it to our children…"



We here at Amish Paradise, and The Holcad wish to express our deepest sympathies to all those effected by last Tuesday's disaster. We encourage the citizens of New York to rebuild the Trade Center as a symbol of the American Spirit, and as a message to terrorists everywhere that we will not be beaten by such a cowardly act.

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Guest editorial: America seeks justice after terrorist attacks

Staff Editorial
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — In the first few days after last week's events, "Attack on America" was the catch phrase that networks and newspapers used to define their coverage. Soon enough, the tone shifted and the new catch phrase is "America's New War." The media's shift was subtle and probably went unnoticed by many.

Certainly the United States government has been speaking of war. These references are not veiled in the least - President George W. Bush called Tuesday's attack an "act of war" in his first broadcast from Florida hours after the attacks and his vocabulary hasn't changed. Vice President Dick Cheney spoke of unleashing the "full wrath" of the United States, and Defense Secretary Colin Powell spoke of the need for retribution. It becomes clear when listening to our top military personnel speak that the United States is not interested in justice, it is interested in revenge.

It may be easy to criticize the Bush administration - it is a tangible set of people engaging in war-like dialogue. It is harder, however, to raise awareness about the subtle changes that are sweeping this nation - an almost imperceptible change from "Attack on America" to "America's New War."

The nation has been attacked. We have been injured; we have been assaulted; we have been hurt. But we have not been pushed into war - we are pushing ourselves into war.

The people responsible for the attack need to be brought to justice.

There is no argument about that - last week's attack was a crime against humanity. But it is important to note that, to the best of our knowledge, it was a crime against humanity perpetuated by a terrorist group and not any particular nation. By gearing our military up for a full-scale attack, we are guaranteeing that our search for justice will end in the slaughter of even more innocent civilians.

Here is the distinction that is far too often forgotten by all facets of our society. What occurred last week robbed innocent people of their lives. If America is to claim any moral legitimacy to its place as the world's most powerful nation, then it ought to recognize that non-American civilians are not simply "collateral damage" and should be protected at all costs. An American civilian has just as much right to freedom and safety as a non-American citizen. By turning this into an "us" versus "them" issue, we risk de-humanizing entire groups of people and eventually losing sight of our original goal—justice.

The definition of war that the U.S., along with the rest of the world, has been operating under is one that involves two or more opposing nations. Although the Bush administration acknowledges that we have entered a new era of warfare, there is no clear indication that it truly understands just how profoundly different this is. The Bush administration is lining up national allies and enemies, actions that look like any traditional war-time preparation.

Before launching a devastating attack that will lead to further civilian casualties, the nation as a whole needs to seriously consider the motives of its actions. Does the U.S. truly desire justice, or does it seek blind revenge? The nation's tone, from top government officials to supposedly unbiased news sources, suggests the latter. If this nation is willing to sacrifice innocent lives—regardless of citizenship—then the righteousness of a nation wronged is no longer legitimate.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I was appalled on September 11, 2001 by President Williamson's decision to continue on with classes in spite of the crisis our nation suffered. The attacks on New York and our capitol constitute the worst action ever taken against America on our own soil. Yet, in the middle of this national disaster, Westminster College students were urged to attend classes because it was "important that we keep a sense of perspective and, to the extent possible, normalcy." Westminster College should have been closed along with most, if not all, of the other colleges and universities in our area, if not out of fear to venture outside, but out of respect for the many people killed in this ultimate act of terror. The events of last Tuesday will be our generation's memorable story; the one we will tell our children about, recalling exactly where we were and exactly what happened. It will rival our parents' stories of where they were the day J.F.K. was murdered. A tragedy of this magnitude demands our utmost attention, respect, sorrow, anger, and loyalty. Our loyalty should not be directed toward our campus and classes, but to our nation and the possible thousands of people who were so ruthlessly killed as they began a normal day of work. How do we continue on in "normalcy" in the face of such a national tragedy? The events of last Tuesday were not something to ignore for the day, they constituted the worst attack on America EVER. When we put things into "perspective" as the president requested, how do we justify going about our day and getting our education? Our educations will be there for us tomorrow and the next day. A day's amount of class-work will be made up either tomorrow or the next day. The World Trade Towers will not be there tomorrow or the next day, and the thousands of dead will not be there tomorrow or the next day. When you think about things on that level, it makes the routine of your daily life seem trivial, at least for a day. As a side note, thank you to all of the professors who cancelled or ended class early.

Sincerely yours,

Holly Daugherty

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Western world remembers war: Europe fears for the U.S.

By Mort Rosenblum
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

PARIS (AP) -- Europe fell silent for a moment on Friday. In part, people mourned victims of terror across the Atlantic. Even more, an Old World that had seen it all, from Hannibal to Hitler, sensed something awful in the wind.

"War" is no casual metaphor on a continent where mighty neighbors have fought one another for a century at a time, where anyone over 60 has a living memory of war.

But always before, people knew whom they were fighting. Now a loose world alliance must determine how to fight shadowy forces marbled into its midst.

Western strategists know that striking blindly and quickly to "deliver a message" may bring momentary comfort at home but would likely further the cause of their foes. Terrorism aims to provoke exactly that.

The strategists also realize that unless they make swift progress in breaking down cells in which terrorists hide, they will look impotent to billions of people in a world of constantly shifting loyalties.

As stunned Europeans sort out their own emotions, most look to America for guidance. In today's small world, many have friends or relatives across the ocean with whom they compare thoughts.

Consider, for instance, Randy and George Gollub, a couple who live near Boston with their 4-year-old son. The debate that divides their household, relayed by phone to a friend in Europe, reflects today's reality across the Western world.

Randy, a brain specialist, teaches and researches at Harvard. She wants the West to go after terrorists the way doctors excise a tumor: carefully, deliberately, completely.

George, a radio advertising executive, wants action. America should bomb, fast and hard. For him, any country shielding terrorists is fair game.

In the Old World, mixed moods are also tempered by 2,000 years of learning things the hard way, and a past century of world wars that shattered cities and killed millions. A majority prefers the surgical approach and even that, many feel, might fall short.

Beyond calls for outright war, some in Europe and America are already venting their rage on any likely victims close at hand. Such obvious injustice only worsens the conflict, increasing tension at a perilous time.

Real life in the third millennium is just too complex for any sort of simple answer.

France's population of 59 million, for example, includes four million Muslims. A few, especially in seething slums near the big cities, may fit the terrorist profile. The vast majority, however, are simply workaday Frenchmen.

Any discrimination singling out "Muslims" or "Arabs" would not only target innocent people from a score of nations but also Frenchmen whose fathers and grandfathers died in earlier wars defending France.

Europeans, who live close to the Middle East and in general spend more time than Americans thinking about a larger world, worry that any kind of mass military action is bound to get important things wrong.

And those for whom names like Afghanistan or Osama bin Laden have intimate meaning are even more worried.

Michael Barry, a French expert on Islam who ran a clandestine clinic for Doctors of the World in Afghanistan when Taliban pioneers first fought their way to power, warns the West of falling into a trap.

"I believe bin Laden and his friends deliberately seek new strikes on Afghan soil, a landing of American troops to engulf and bleed the main Western power, as was done to the Red Army," Barry wrote in the daily Liberation.

And there is the larger picture. To an Islamic world traumatized by the last two centuries of Western intervention in its affairs, any assault on a Muslim nation by non-Muslims would be seen as an unjust invasion, Barry wrote.

He said it was no coincidence that Tuesday's attack came as Palestinians felt growing despair in the West Bank. This, he said, creates "an absurd link" in many Muslim minds between Taliban precepts and the Palestinians' fight against Israel.

That is one informed analysis, and there are others. Some question the Americans' resolve to stay in for the long haul, especially when body bags start coming home. Others fear that misguided actions might turn friends into foes.

What all have in common is that nothing is simple. Any military action, no matter how well planned or seemingly justified, could backfire calamitously.

These realities are fresh in European minds. They know war is not just hell, but that it is also extremely complicated.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Brad and Adriann go to the movies

Hardball

... Play ball!

Brad Dell

I find it very difficult to divorce myself emotionally from this film in order to give it a fair and objective review. Even after a good night's sleep, horrific images from this film still plague my conscience. These graphic images are not of little kids sliding into home plate as the *Hardball* preview might lead you to believe. Yes, this is another in a slew of films in which the preview misleads.

But unlike other films like *Fight Club* and *American Beauty,* which pack exciting, plot-twisting surprises, *Hardball* is dismally disappointing and downright demoralizing.

The swiss-cheese style plot revolves around Connor O'Neil (Keanu Reeves) - a down and out, jobless bum, who we soon learn owes thousands of dollars in gambling debts to men wanting to break his oh-so-adorable face. Recalling scenes of a far better film, Rounders, O'Neil frantically flits from grungy bar-owner to high-class stock broker searching for the sucker willing to save him from financial and bodily ruin. The stock-broker (who O'Neil seems to know somehow) offers him $500 a week for 10 weeks to coach a little league baseball team in the projects. (This is a truly ridiculous scheme to get the punky white guy to coach the poor, all-black ball team. Can't Hollywood be a little more creative?)

At any rate, in the beginning, the self-centered O'Neil has no interest in no-talent, jive-talkin', tough-actin' 10-year-olds. But as you can imagine, as time goes on, the marvelously adorable children win him over. The team improves, and so does O'Neil's character. If this were the extent of the film, it would be tolerable. If this were the ultimate lasting impression, it would be called predictable, but not deplorable.

(Warning - if you have any sadomasochistic plans to see this film, you may not want to read further, because I will be revealing the end. I would normally never do such a thing, but you deserve to be warned.)

The climax of the film is not the victory of this upstart team of project pals, as it should be. Instead, it is the gang-fight, cross-fire, gun-shot murder of the team's youngest player. Too young to actually play on the field, this young character had become O'Neil's confidante in the dug-out, and the audience's obvious favorite.

This gunfight is the loudest, quickest, most graphically intense moment in the entire film. It also comes at such a time to totally pull the rug out from under the rest of the plot. If it had been more toward the middle of the plot, the film might have had time to rebound. But because director Brian Robbins chose to make this moment the climax, it changed the entire focus of the film. No longer is *Hardball The Bad News Bears* revisited. Instead it is the horrors of the 6:00 news played out on the big screen.

As far as the actors go, *Hardball* is plagued with one of the worst actors in modern cinema. Why does Hollywood continue to let Keanu Reeves perform? Why does the American public continue to pay to see him? Reeves has the emotional depth of a can of expired tuna. In this potently emotional film, I was constantly on-edge just waiting for Reeves to break out in a stunned "whoa." Considering his level of characterization, such an outburst would not have been surprising. Perhaps with a better actor like Ed Norton, this film would be saved from such inexcusable despair.

The children are the only highlight of the film - they are marvelously endearing and often wildly hilarious. Though I often had difficulty understanding what they said, it was quite clear that these children were stealing the film from the ridiculous Reeves' plot line. (That is until one stray bullet stole the film from everyone.)

Hardball takes something so beautiful—children being saved on the baseball diamond—and destroys it with random, unspeakable violence. We have witnessed so much terrifying, real tragedy in the last few weeks that I just don't think we need to see any heart-wrenching fictional tragedy for purposes of entertainment.

Hardball is an incredibly emotional film, but that does not mean that it is a good film. I give *Hardball* one star.

I left the movie theatre angry and depressed. I hope I've dissuaded you enough that you can find something a little more worthwhile to upset you.

Adriann Popovich

In his newest movie *Hardball,* Keanu Reeves plays Connor O'Neil, a gambling alcoholic in trouble with several bookies who are getting tired of waiting for their money. With nowhere left to go, Connor turns to an old friend who seems to always be helping him out when he is in sticky situations. Reluctant to lend Connor money, he makes a deal with him instead. Connor has to coach an inner-city baseball team and his friend will pay him $500 a week. Connor has no choice but to take it so he can pay back all his debts, since he seems to have no job or form of steady income.

When Connor meets the kids he discovers they have no real uniforms, are missing two members, and cannot make it through an entire practice without fighting. Very little of this matters to him because he is only in it for the money, but before long the kids start to grow on him. Once Connor starts caring, the kids start trusting him and the team, along with Connor's moral character, improve.

Reeves does a decent job of convincing us he is a stressed out alcoholic with a gambling problem and once he finds redemption in the children he attempts to get his life back on track. The kids however, are the real stars of this movie. All fairly young unknown actors bring their characters to life in a natural and somewhat innocent way (despite their swearing, fighting and trash talking). The most enjoyable of these young actors, DeWayne Warren, plays G - Baby, the little brother of one of the team members, who missed being in the league by two months because of his birthday. Even though G-Baby is too young to play, he is still considered a member of the team and is at every game and practice.

Another story line starts to develop involving a romance between Connor and the boy's teacher played by Diane Lane, but it takes a backseat to the team and Connor's gambling problem. The plot also has some other interesting twists and turns, which help to separate it from other baseball films. The movie is loosely based on a book written by Daniel Coyle who spent a summer coaching an inner-city baseball team. Of course some of the additional story lines were made up to give the film that Hollywood excitement.

Although the film is getting mixed reviews and being criticized for too many baseball film clichés, I really enjoyed it. I think Reeves gave a surprisingly good performance and the children stole just about every scene they were in. It's not hard to see how Connor couldn't resist warming up to this foul-mouthed, fist-fighting team of boys when he sees just how happy the game of baseball makes them. I definitely recommend seeing *Hardball* because it has the makings and potential of a really good movie.

Coffee Grinder offers variety of food and events

By Beth Staley
A & E EDITOR

With the Student Union Building gone, students are now seeking a new place to study and hang out. There is a perfect place for such socializing, and it's just down the road in New Castle. After passing Giant Eagle, look to the right for a sign that says, "The Coffee Grinder Café."

Located on 3107 Wilmington Road, The Coffee Grinder has an impressive selection of coffee, tea, and other non-alcoholic beverages. A coffee of the day is always featured in addition to hot drinks that include regular or flavored coffee, cappuccino, latte, caffe mocha, café Americana, steamer, flavored tea, hot chocolate, espresso and French press pot. The Coffee Grinder serves hot or cold chai and a variety of cold drinks not limited to Smoothies, Lemonade, Italian Soda and Italian Cream Soda. There is a list at the Coffee Grinder of flavored syrups and specialty smoothie flavors; however, this list is too long to print here.

Personally, I recommend the vanilla cappuccino or the Costa Rican mocha cappuccino smoothie. The vanilla cappuccino is a classic drink that the Coffee Grinder makes perfectly with not too much or too little of anything. The Costa Rican mocha cappuccino smoothie is a more daring selection, but it is a rich cold drink that is better than any milkshake or cold-coffee drink around. If you prefer fruit smoothies to coffee smoothies, then the lemon smoothie is a light, sweet, and tantalizing drink that is sure to please.

Also, contrary to popular belief, The Coffee Grinder serves food. The breakfast menu at this café is mouth-watering: choose from bagels, croissants, cinnamon rolls, muffins, toast, or a breakfast sandwich done "your way." Plus, The Coffee Grinder keeps a fresh supply of May's Donuts, which are only 55 cents each.

There is a special lunch menu that consists of a chicken roll-up or chicken wrap, and whether a customer is at the Coffee Grinder for lunch or dinner, there is a wonderful menu that offers special soups, salads and sandwiches. I highly recommend the Grilled Chicken Breast Salad. It is a green salad with seasoned chicken breast, cheese, black olives, egg and croutons with a choice of dressing. The generous serving of this salad is fresh and filling. For those interested, there is even a kid's menu.

To top off a wonderful meal, the Coffee Grinder has a dessert menu and a display case that reveals a tempting collection of freshly made goods. In addition to assorted flavors of biscotti, scones, brownies, pies, dumplings and cookies, sugar-free and low fat selections can be found. The blueberry muffin at the Coffee Grinder is a particular favorite with many customers, and its strudel top is delicious.

The Coffee Grinder has a wonderful atmosphere to compliment its delicious food and drinks. During the day, this café is a great place to study. You can even relax outside on the deck.

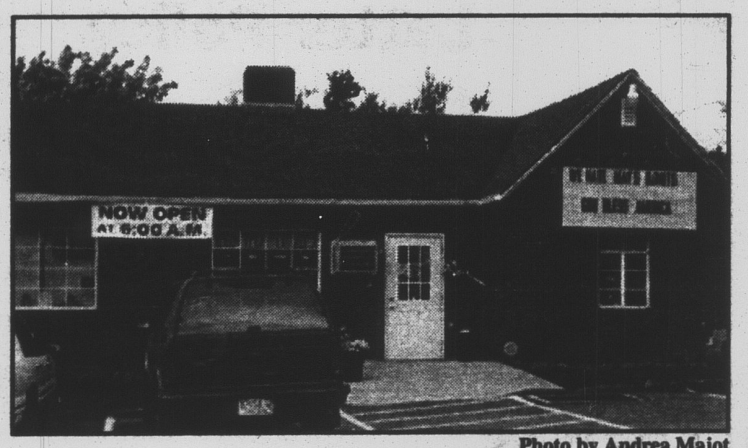


Photo by Andrea Majot

The Coffee Grinder in New Castle

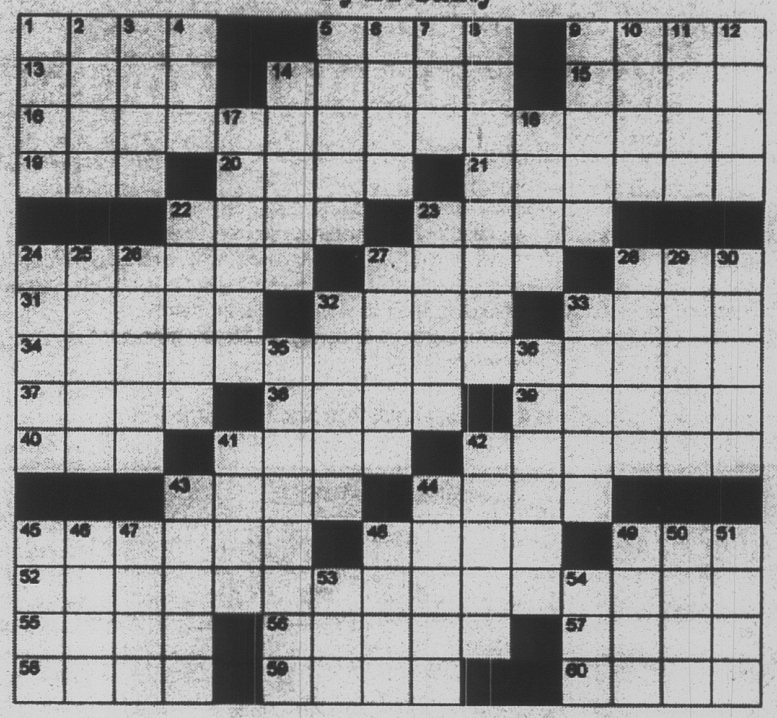
Plus, once your homework is done, the fun begins. The Coffee Grinder has karaoke on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. On Friday and Saturday nights, bands often play.

The Coffee Grinder's hours are Monday through Thursday 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. For additional information, contact the Coffee Grinder Café at 724-946-6820.

Crossword 101

Trial Issues

By Ed Canty



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21 Stars & Stripes standouts
22 Nothing more than
23 Fish
24 Works hard
27 Sign
28 Seed
31 Be indebted to
32 Region
33 Legal start up
34 Place setting for Magic
37 Sibs
38 Raised mark
39 Cravat
40 Urge
41 Writes down
42 Rulers
43 Orchestra locales
44 Munich specialty
45 Chemical compound
48 Hamilton's rival
49 Employ
52 Tried by the military
55 Comedian Short for short
56 Lift up
57 Precedes ballistic
58 Mary Baker ____
59 Actress Russo
60 Yesteryear

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2 Frequent crossword puzzle visitor
3 Revolver
4 Moray
5 Barnes partner
6 Mild exclamation
7 " ___ the end of time"
8 Medicinal herb
9 Taint
10 Oaf
11 Monster
12 Youngsters
14 Cloth workers
17 Come out
18 Social group
22 Trappists, e.g.
23 Freshwater fish
24 NRA objective
25 Mindful
26 Lewis and Clark sighting
27 Tough exams
28 Condiment
29 Mistake
30 LA district
32 Assists in a wrongdoing
33 Whistler's Mother, for one
35 Deceiver
36 PBS need
41 Cast aside a lover
42 Spooky
43 Animal lead in
44 Montana mining town
45 Pinnacle
46 Cargo
47 Iraq resident
48 Grain husks
49 Arm bone
50 Match parts
51 Blue-pencil
53 Hop-flavored brew
54 Cozy story place

Quotable Quote

I have a lifetime appointment and I intend to serve it. I expect to die at 110, shot by a jealous husband.

• *Thurgood Marshall*

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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers:

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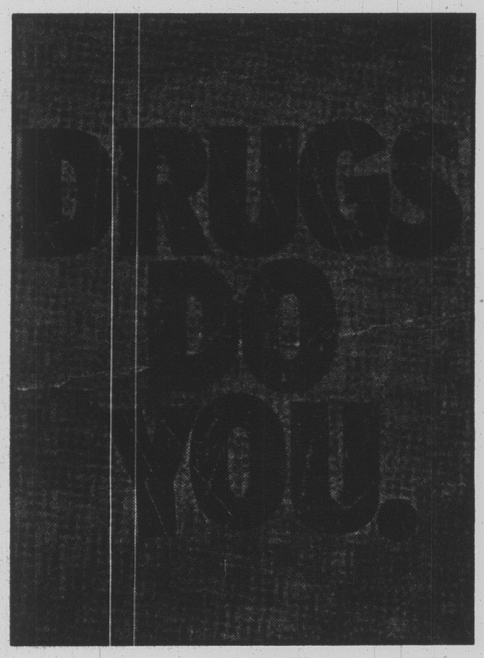


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Your mood might be cranky, resulting from tensions either at home or at work. Speak softly and avoid any disagreements with others. You are in a practical frame of mind and sharp in matters of money. It's a happy time for romance and love.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Spend extra time with family - fun and adventure will be highlighted. It may be the perfect opportunity for a heart-to-heart talk with your children. Roadblocks are likely in realizing a financial goal, you're closer than you think.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
You and your mate get along throughout the entire week. All those chores that really need to get done will be accomplished like clockwork. Your career is highlighted, so don't be surprised if you receive a raise or promotion.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Start the week in a practical frame of mind. Take time alone and treat yourself to something that will make you feel extra special. Some co-workers are be critical and sarcastic, but otherwise work runs smoothly. Your career is about to take a big step forward.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Listen to a friend's advice on money matters - an objective point of view is what you need. Your sweetheart may be feeling neglected, and accuse you of unrealistic expectations - so make the time for romance and more intimacy.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
There will probably be a strong urge to immerse yourself in creative pursuits. Keep an open mind and you may be pleasantly surprised at the results. Both business and household projects enjoy favorable influences; and you may get a bonus for recently positive efforts.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
The more you depend on your reserves, the stronger you are. You inspire family members likewise. There are some self doubts lingering which only you can work through. Self-improvement efforts will succeed.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Spend time with close friends and you'll find that your friendships and loves are very fulfilling. There is someone trying to undermine your position with flattery and bribery. Keep your cool. There will be great news about money, and possibly a new, lucrative job offer.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It will be an effortless and pleasurable week for you. Keep in mind you do have the power to make all sorts of changes for the better. Everyone seems overly emotional as of late, so be on guard for lies and accusations. Harmony will be restored at home by week's end.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Wherever you are, you will be surrounded by friendship and luck. Unexpected money is coming your way. Both family and work responsibilities are heavy, take one situation at a time. Be aware that guidance comes through your dreams.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
You need to travel in order to check out an opportunity to increase your income. Don't neglect a mate who's starving for attention. Your charm and magnetism take you through any sticky situations right now.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
It's a week of heavy mental stimulation and challenges. Your assertiveness takes you far at work and your family is happy and enjoys being together. Plan your entertainment and include others from the sideline.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your closest relationships are stable for now, but your inner voice may be prompting you to take time alone for self-renewal. Professional advancement is at hand, so keep yourself on the straight and narrow. Your creative urges may turn into profit.

FEATURE

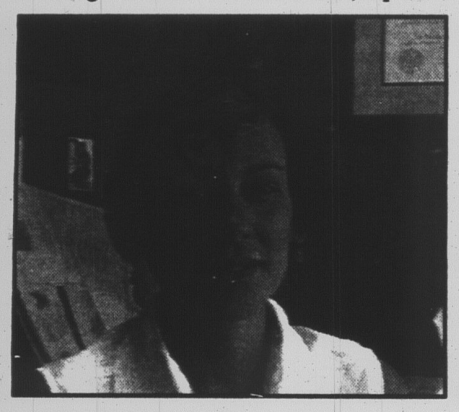
Question of the week: War? and why?

Do you think the United States should go to war with the those who "harbor" terrorist groups like that of Osama Bin Laden's? If not, what should the United States do?

"Yeah, we should do whatever it takes to hunt down anyone and everyone responsible. The countries that harbor the terrorist groups are as guilty as the terrorists themselves." - ***Ryan Saeler, senior***

"No. I do believe we should respond appropriately, but I do not believe that this should fit the traditional definition of war. Most importantly, I think we should work with other nations to solve the root causes that nurture the destructive and irrational acts of terrorism."- ***Dr. Twining, Professor of history***

"If we find out exactly who it is that did it and we feel we could make a dent in their strength as a terrorist group, then yes, I think the U.S. should go to war." – ***Alicia Roberts, sophomore***



"If they can actually isolate the actors responsible, then military response is almost forced upon the president by public opinion. However, I don't think that kind of response will do anything but create more martyrs that in turn inspire more terrorists. While there is nothing legitimate about this horrific action, it was rooted in somewhat understandable perceptions about U.S. motivation as visible in our foreign policy in the Gulf and in the Middle East." – ***Dr. Grove, Professor of political science***

"I think our government should act rationally and deliberately. In other words, the government should not be stupid too quickly. I also don't think nuking the Middle East is the wisest choice of action." – ***Steve Klebacha, senior***

"No, I don't think we should go to war because war is between one nation and another. If we'd go to war, we're going to be killing innocent people and we'd be no better than the they were." – ***Pam Sloan, sophomore***

"I think that if that's what's necessary to protect our nation, that's what should be done. Being at war isn't good for the country, but you can't let one person terrorize the world like that."--***Jocelyn Piel, senior***

"I think we should go to war. We need to teach them a lesson so it doesn't happen again. If you harbor them you're just as responsible."--***Amanda Olinger, junior***

"I think more important than actually going to war is the threat. Today Muslim clerics decided that bin Laden should leave Afghanistan. I don't think they would have made that decision without the fear of incurring the wrath of the U.S.--***Mike Morris, senior***

"I think we should wait and see what bin Laden does before we make any serious or life-threatening decisions."--***Laura Stanley, senior***

Attacks inspire patriotic acts

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

There aren't very many people I've talked to who can turn off their televisions in light of the terrorist attacks made on our country last week. I've been watching the news running across the bottom of the screen on CNN and can't seem to turn the television off myself.

Despite all the horrible details and fatality numbers that flash across the screen, I refuse to turn it off. I can't. But as the old cliché goes, there has got to be some light at the end of the tunnel. And there is. In my 22 years as a citizen of this country, I have never seen more unity, more patriotism or more compassion among the American people.

We are an example of this unity. The day after the attack, I saw students wearing "I (heart) New York" shirts. I saw teachers and students crying together on the day of the attack. The school's Peace Studies Program sponsored a "teach-in" to familiarize our community with the political and emotional ends of terrorism in America as well as a coffeehouse to discuss hatred and its place in America.

The chapel has and continues to provide support and reassurance for any who need it. The bells rang in unison with the rest of the nation last Friday as a symbol of the National Day of Remembrance and Mourning. The campus community also responded to the terrorist attacks by giving blood and collecting money for victims in New York and Washington D.C. "Old Glory" is still at half mast as a tribute to the victims of this horrible assault against America.

The news continues to remind us that things will never be the same again and the commentators are referring to more than just long lines at airports. We as a people have changed - we are more aware of life. A good friend of mine sent me an e-mail the other day referring to this change. At the end, she included a quotation from a teacher she had heard speak on the news about the recent terrorist attack. It read, "Yes this will change us, but we decide how."

SGA prepares for Homecoming, elects 11 new senators to serve

By Christina Contes
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Senators were chosen at the SGA meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 19 to participate on the Standing Faculty Committees and Boards.

The following are the 11 possible positions along with the senator who was elected to serve. For a detailed description of these boards and committees, visit http://www.westminster.edu/Student/handbook/government.html or refer to pages 29 to 31 of the Campus activities Calendar.

Curriculum Development Committee- Christy Atkins; Curriculum Operations Committee- Ian Durham; Institutional Research Review Committee- Greg Smith; Planning, Budget and Institutional Research Council- Sarah Huffman; Religious Life Council- Rita Longan; Enrollment Management Council- Megan Mamula; Instructional Resources Council- Molly Weaver; Student Life and Athletic Council- Ron Brown; Student Publications Board- Megan Mamula; Judicial Board- Jared Gashel; College Appeals Board- Natalie Elms.

There are also positions available on these committees, councils and boards for students. Please check your e-mail for further information. Voting for these student positions will take place on Sept. 24 and 25.

The Homecoming pep rally is still being organized for this year. All women are encouraged to participate in the Powderpuff football game. Watch your e-mail for more information and chances to get involved in this event.

A contest will be held among residence halls for pep rally banners. More information will be passed along via the Residence Life staff. A pizza party will be held for the dorm with the most spirit.

Students can also contact the Public Relations chair, Christina Contes with any questions or concerns at contescm@westminster.edu. Contes will be visiting all Residence Halls this semester asking residents for their feedback.

Members from the Executive Board of SGA will visit Russell Lobby on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

THE LEARNING CENTER, which is located at 211 Thompson-Clark Hall, is open Monday 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday, 9:20 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Thursday, 9:20-3:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

KRISTIN needs a ride to Edinboro University on weekends. Call EXT. x6432.

AMISH STYLE CHICKEN AND NOODLE DINNER is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 22, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the New Wilmington United Methodist Church. Tickets are $8 for adults and $3 for children 10 and under. For more information or tickets, call Norma Garrett at (724) 946-2246. Proceeds support a June trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.

SHENANGO COMMUNITY LIBRARY is having a book sale Oct. 4, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Oct. 5 &6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Oct. 7 from 1-4 p.m.

THE WESTMINSTER COLLEGE CAMPUS CLUB will sponsor a fall luncheon, Oct. 9 at noon at the Oak Tree Country Club. The cost is $12.25, and checks should be made out to the Campus Club and sent to box 19. Featured speaker Sandy Lord of Mercer, will talk about her whimsical watercolor paintings, designed with verses, called "Heartstrings." For more information, contact Martha Mossberger at (724) 946-3327.

FOR SALE

SHARP MICROWAVE for sale. This black, brand new 1.4 cu. ft. oven is still in the box. For more information leave a message for Professor Cox at EXT. x7266.

LOFT for sale. Wooden and painted blue. $40. Please contact Jim or leave message at 946-8658.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 21
11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Grove City (H)
6:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Thiel (H)
8:00 p.m. CPC Gateway Clipper Cruise

SATURDAY 22
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. National Teacher Exam - Patterson Hall
10:00 a.m. LEAD Workshop - Down Under
11:00 a.m. Men's and Women's Cross Country @ St. Vincent
1:00 p.m. Football vs. West Liberty State (H)
1:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Recruitment Workshop — Down Under
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

SUNDAY 23
1:30 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Mount Union (H)
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 24
11:40 a.m. Chapel
3:30 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Edinboro (H)
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta — Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta — PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu — PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa — PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha — Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — Down Under
Alpha Gamma Delta Philanthropy: Dinner/Movie Raffle

TUESDAY 25
Career Center Senior Seminar
4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer @ Washington & Jefferson
5:30 p.m. RHAB Meeting
6:30 p.m. Volleyball @ Bethany (WV)
7:00 p.m. Orchestra — Orr Auditorium

WEDNESDAY 26
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Ann Throckmorton, "GPS and GIS: Applications in the Sciences and Humanities — HSC 166
3:30 p.m. Women's Tennis @ Grove City
4:00 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Grove City
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting
9:00 p.m. Women's Identity Issues Program — Chapel
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship — Down Under

THURSDAY 27
YOM KIPPUR
Career Center Accounting Consortium Preparation Meeting
9:30 a.m. CCO Staff Meeting — Down Under
3:30 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Penn State-Altoona (H)
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice — Chapel
Sigma Kappa Open House

At the Down Under

Saturday and Sunday @ 8:00 p.m.
Featured Movie:
Driven

Upcoming Events Fall '01

September 29 -- Family Day

October 13 -- Homecoming
Comic: John Priest

November 3 -- Craig Karges

November 10 -- Comic: Tim Young

This weekend:

September 21 -- Friday night

80's Dance @ 8:00 p.m.
Down Under
Hosted by Alpha Phi Omega

Gateway Clipper Cruise
Buses leave Old 77 @ 9:00 p.m.
(This event is by reservation only!)

September 22 -- Saturday

LEAD Seminar @ 10:00 p.m.
Creativity: How many Hats can you Wear?

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Campus meets to debate classes on MLK, Jr. Day

By B. D. Wilson
STAFF WRITER

As everyone is well aware through the wonders of email technology, the curriculum operations committee held a meeting this past Tuesday on the topic of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Faculty, students and administration attended the meeting to give their views and proposed solutions to the dilemma concerning classes on the holiday.

The open discussion began with a new calendar proposed by Dr. Jim Rhoads of the Political Science department. Rhoads claimed an obligation to observe MLK Day, as it is a recognized national holiday.

Second to speak was religion professor, Dr. Ann Kobel, who added that as a Christian-based establishment, the college should recognize Dr. King as one of the most significant religious leaders in American history.

Molly Burnett of student affairs provided the first opposing viewpoint appealing to the accommodation needs of many students. Burnett pointed out the difficulties many students would have traveling to campus during the workweek, as opposed to Sunday or Monday as the schedule currently stands.

Freshman Lori Stetson, who travels six hours from near the nation's capital, reacted to traveling during the week. "It would easier for my father to take time for the trip during the weekend."

The focus of the meeting soon shifted from scheduling pragmatics to the question of how to best observe the holiday.

Senior Omadee Kerr described the various events her family shares on MLK Day, including church services and a family dinner. Kerr praised the efforts of the campus, such as services and the "Peace Pole," but held that in African-American society, MLK Day has special significance as a family holiday and is

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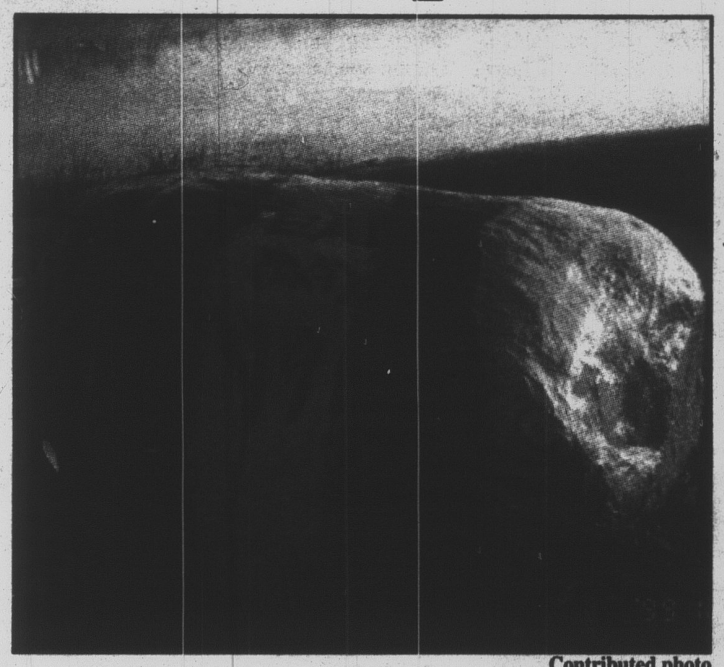
Allies sponsors Jeans Day



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Members of Allies painted the rock to celebrate Jeans Day '99.

By Andrea Majot
STAFF WRITER

Allies is hosting its third annual Jeans Day on Thursday, Oct. 4. This event is open to the entire campus.

Members of Allies ask students and faculty to wear jeans to support non-discrimination on this day. For those unable to dress down because of professional concerns, Allies members will be distributing jean ribbons to department secretaries.

In the past, students have misunderstood the intention of Jeans Day.

Co-advisor of Allies, Betsy Ford, has been involved with the organization for three years. "I think that a lot of the campus community interprets it incorrectly. Many of the students think wearing jeans stamps them as gay," Ford said. "It doesn't mean I'm gay…It means I don't care if you are."

Keen Compher, Allies co-advisor, agrees. "I hope that people will understand the meaning of it—support of equal treatment of people," Compher said. "No one should support hate toward minorities."

The first Jeans Day was well-publicized, but unaware of its meaning, some students reacted with anonymous hostility. The morning of the event, anti-homosexual chalking appeared on many campus surfaces. Next to messages from Allies members urging students to "Celebrate Diversity," others wrote slogans urging students to commit hate crimes.

While the event has raised issues before, Allies is determined to

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Fraternity parties regulated

By Kevin Humberston
STAFF WRITER

In 1996, the Board of Trustees passed regulations stating freshmen were not permitted to attend non-freshmen parties in the fraternity houses. The primary reason this rule was passed was to help freshmen in their transition to college. The board wanted the freshmen to focus on their academics instead of partying during their first semester. John Lechner, dean of safety and security, fully supports this regulation.

"Each fraternity house has an opportunity to have four designated freshmen parties. With there being five fraternity houses here, the freshmen would be able to attend 20 parties," Lechner said. "These regulations only affect the freshmen students for the first semester of the year. The second semester they can attend as many parties as they want."

Lechner also explained that freshmen could visit any of the fraternity houses at their leisure. The only time they are not permitted in the houses is during a non-freshman party night. The fraternity brothers on door watch will enforce this rule on open party nights. At the beginning of every year, a list of freshmen is sent to each fraternity. The brothers on door watch must check the list to see if any are trying to enter the house when they are not allowed to.

Freshman Michael Arrigo's opinion conflicted with Lechner's. "I think it is terrible that I can't go to my own brother's fraternity house every weekend. This regulation is going to make it a lot more difficult for freshman students to meet other students," Arrigo said. "Sometimes I want to go to the house to hang out with my friends. I feel like I'm going to get in trouble if I try to have a little bit of fun and relax on the weekends."

When Arrigo found out freshmen are still

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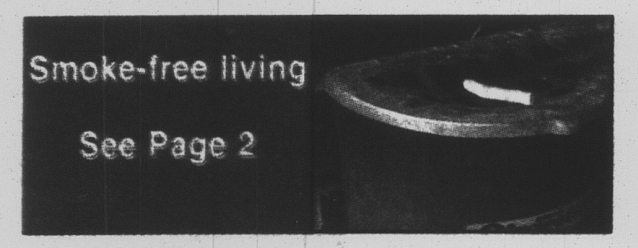

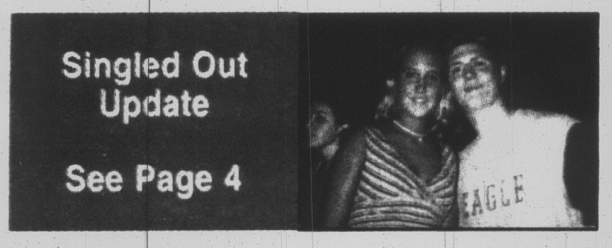

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CAMPUS NEWS

Lack of call boxes on campus not affecting safety

By Laurie Duffee
STAFF WRITER

Students needing to call for help may be surprised to find salvation is a whole building away. Some buildings on campus lack call boxes.

There are 15 boxes. The department of security and safety is currently looking into installing more. The walkway between Galbreath and Old 77 is one of the locations being considered.

According to campus statistics, no crimes against people were reported in the areas without call boxes last year.

All residence halls have them. When asked if the call box on Browne hall made her feel safer, junior Ann-Marie Vazzano replied, "Not really, because someone could walk in and not use the call box," she added.

According to crime statistics for the campus, incidents of crimes against people are almost non-existent. There were only two cases reported last year and both were harassment by communication.

The majority of crimes on campus are either vandalism or theft.

According to Lechner, call boxes are not the only way to make the campus safer.

Last year, the department did some security landscaping which included trimming trees that were obscuring light.

The college is also working on a five-year lighting plan. New light poles may be placed in dark areas. Each pole will cost about $4,000, which is the reason the plan will take five years.

Security also offers an escort service to students and faculty. According to Lechner, the service has mainly been used to escort people who have been injured, not people who are afraid.

Lechner says he feels the campus is safe based on New Wilmington's low crime statistics. Drug and alcohol violations were reported more than any other crime last year.

"They were almost exclusively alcohol, I can guarantee," Lechner said.

Freshman Galbreath resident Billie Nicholson agrees. "Mainly, I feel safe because this is New Wilmington, but I've seen people use them [call boxes] and I think it's a nice feature."

At least one security person is on duty at all times. This varies depending on security needs. During special events, there can be as many as 10 personnel on duty.

Pending approval, campus security may become a police department. Some of the department's personnel would become law enforcement officials with full police authority.

Security will not carry weapons though. "We don't see the need for it," Lechner said. "Of course, that could all change because of what's going on in the country with terrorism," he added.

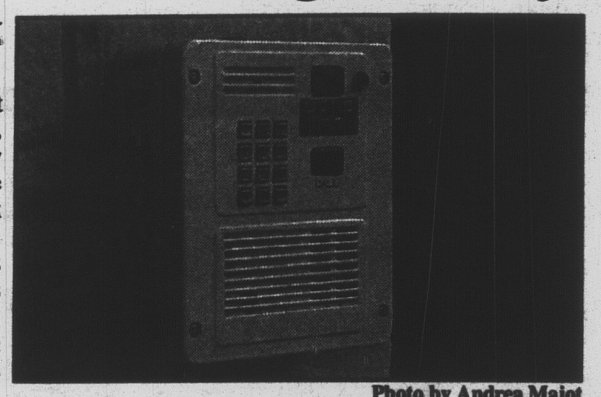


Photo by Andrea Majot
Fifteen call boxes are placed strategically around campus.

Students can reach security by dialing EXT. 7777 on campus and 946-7777 off-campus.

On-campus students live in nearly smoke-free environment

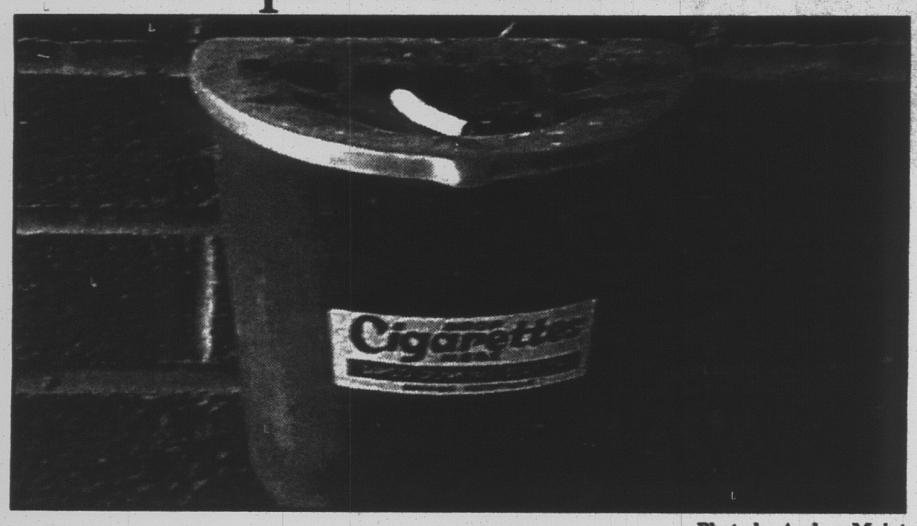


Photo by Andrea Majot
Butt receptacles are provided outside buildings for smokers.

By Chelsea Marti
STAFF WRITER

The campus has implemented one of its final phases in an effort to make our environment more smoke-free this year. Last year's Student Satisfaction Survey showed that the majority of students would prefer to live in a smoke-free environment.

"As it's become more and more evident that smoking is not only a fire, but also a health hazard, many public places have curtailed smoking," President R. Thomas Williamson said.

The college is a member of the American College Health Association. This organization has helped to put into practice new smoking regulations.

In the Residential Living pamphlet for this year, it is plain that the rules for smoking have changed. The pamphlet reads: "The use of tobacco is not permitted in any buildings on campus, including the residence hall rooms."

"Over the past several years, the need for clean air in the residence halls has increased. More students are coming to college who experience asthma, allergies and a sensitivity to pollutants in the air," said Molly Burnett, assistant dean of student affairs. Burnett also recalled a national survey that stated roughly 40 percent of Americans suffer from bronchial-related conditions, including asthma and allergies. Students with these sorts of health ailments would be greatly affected by cigarette smoke in dorms. Burnett says that students are not complaining about the new smoking policies, and that smoking in dorms was phased out over a period of four years.

"I believe that students recognize that having so many people living in close community in the residence halls makes this a necessary step for the college," Burnett said.

Neal Edman, dean of student affairs, explained that approximately nine or 10 years ago, the Board of Trustees' members began working toward a more smoke-free campus. To avoid overwhelming students all at once with new regulations, they began by eliminating smoking in the academic buildings. They also requested, but did not mandate, that students, staff and visitors respect nonsmokers at events such as football games, and not smoke there. This request still stands today.

"I think safety is an issue with smoking in dorms because a cigarette is still an ignition. Candles were prohibited. Cigarettes have the same ability to cause a fire," said John Lechner, dean of safety and security.

Lechner also mentioned that many of the college's residence halls are older buildings. Because they are constructed with more wood than modern buildings, they are even more of a hazard in fires.

"I've smoked for about five years, but not heavily. I do not think that there is discrimination against smokers as to where they are able to smoke," junior Emily Ludovici said. "I have never liked the smell of smoke and I can only imagine how nonsmokers feel about the smell. Not smoking in the buildings is a good thing, it is safer."

Although students can no longer smoke in buildings on campus, they are welcome to smoke outside.

Williamson added from a personal standpoint, "Don't smoke, it's too hard to stop. It is a choice that will better life in the future." He added, "I say all of these things because we think so highly of our students."

Fraternities to comply with New Wilmington noise ordinance

By Carolyn Miller
STAFF WRITER

Fraternity houses are now being restricted by the New Wilmington Police Department. The department is enforcing a noise ordinance, targeting the fraternities. The ordinance is an effort to eliminate excessive noise coming from the houses during and after party hours.

Sigma Nu President Joe Korcinsky said that his organization would most likely not be affected by the ordinance. "To my knowledge, Sigma Nu has not been visited by the New Wilmington Police," Korcinsky said, "and we have all intentions of keeping it that way."

Phi Kappa Tau President Ken Schulz also made a statement about the new ordinance. "Well, being that I never have gotten any noise complaints this year, I believe we are uneffected," Schulz said. "The people who lived beside us don't even live there anymore, so I am pretty sure they aren't complaining."

Both presidents agreed that action against excessive noise from the houses was understandable. "If music is going on loud after designated party hours on weekends and the neighbors can't sleep, then [the ordinance] is necessary," Schulz said

"The ordinance is an effort by the New Wilmington Police Department to curb any excessive racket that might interrupt the harmony of the borough," Korcinsky said. "If the people of New Wilmington have a problem with the fraternity parties, it is their governmental right to act upon the houses."

Just like any other organization, fraternities have a set of rules and regulations they must adhere to. This new ordinance against too much noise will be another addition to that set. "These guidelines have been established to protect and aid fraternities and their members," Korcinsky stated. "Some of these guidelines have been seen as unfair and useless. In any event, rules must be followed."

Schulz agreed that the rules must be followed, but complained that there are already enough restrictions placed on the fraternities. "Putting more restrictions, in my opinion, and I speak only for my house, will just be a start for ending all Greek social fraternities on this campus."

"The only fact that the presidents of our five fraternities know right now is that an ordinance has been established," Korcinsky said. "However, we do not know if the ordinance will be followed and how well it will be enforced."

Tina Williams Brewer hosts gallery talk on story quilts

By Andrea Majot
STAFF WRITER

Ballet dancers leap and mingle with fish and birds. Ducks walk the narrow trail of a snake's back. In the world of artist Tina Williams Brewer, anything is possible.

On Sept. 18, Brewer hosted an art gallery lecture on her story quilts being shown around the country.

Brewer graduated from the Columbus College of Art in 1972 with a degree in fashion and advertising. Soon afterward, she began work as a home furnishing coordinator for the former Joseph Horne Co.'s department store, Downtown.

Photo by Heidi Krieger
One of Brewers' creations.

Following the birth of her two children, Brewer changed her lifestyle. "I left my job. I came home and became a housemom—I needed to do something with my hands."

She joined a quilting circle after realizing she needed to find a portable craft. Now that her children, Emily, 21 and Kristie, 24, are grown, she continues to quilt.

Once she had a grasp of quilting in general, Brewer began experimenting with fabric and design. She further explored her craft by adding 3-D elements to her work. Stuffed 3-D items began to appear frequently in Brewer's creations, something that became a hallmark of her designs.

To create these images, Brewer works with readily available and inexpensive materials. "A Giant Eagle paper bag stiffens the fabric," Brewer said. She also enjoys working closely with the materials. "The machine is not my favorite thing—I like to do handwork."

Another unique feature of Brewer's work is the variety and boldness of fabric she uses. "Others were using gingham; I wanted to work with decorative patterns, things that reflected light."

While many art appreciators find it easy to admire the craftsmanship and beauty of Brewer's work, there is also a story behind each quilt. She creates based on folklore, African American heritage and memories of her childhood growing up in Huntington, W.Va. She often incorporates in her works symbols such as fish and birds, signs of hope and communication, symbols of the Catholic faith and dancers. Her work reflects research as well as life experience.

Junior Jess Borchart was impressed with the way Brewer incorporated herself and her philosophies into the designs. "I thought it was interesting how she used her history and her stages of life in her artwork."

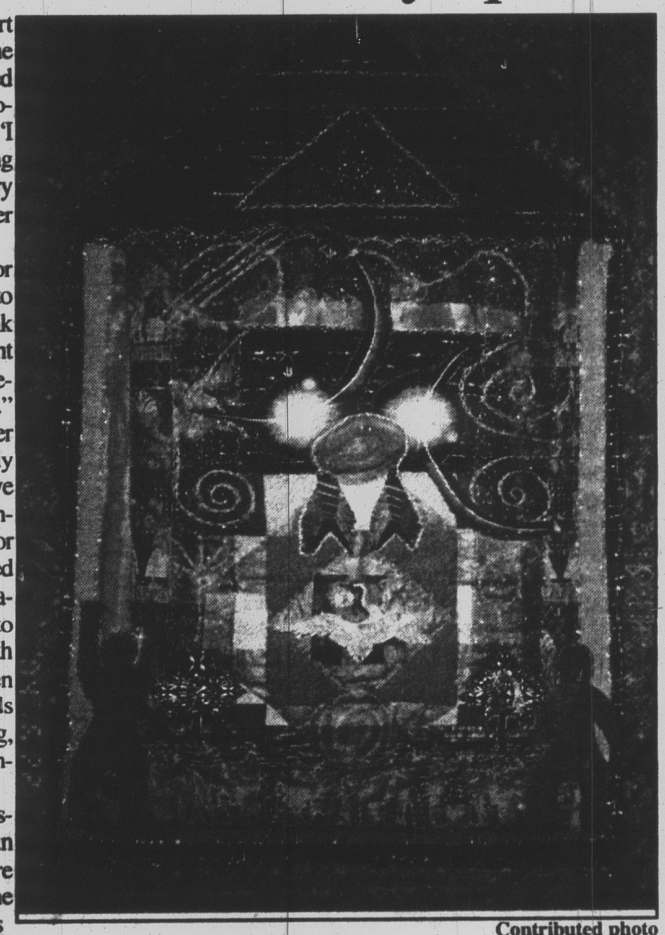
Peggy Cox, professor of art, reacted similarly to Brewer's lecture. "I think she made a lot of important points about how life experiences are critical [in art]."

Brewer also uses her talent to help the elderly and the young. For five years, she taught traditional quilting skills to senior citizens. She also worked with children in art therapy, teaching them to express themselves with cloth. "Having children work with fabric leads them down a warming, expressive, non-threatening path," Brewer said.

Her work has been displayed in the African American Life and Culture Museum in Dallas and the moving exhibit, "Spirits of the Cloth," as well as many other places.

In addition to the story quilts, Brewer created a series of kimonos, art for tabletops and dolls.

Brewer now shares a business with her husband, John. Together they run a facility they rent out for private gatherings and occasions to be catered.



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Brewer's "At Home with Culture."

In parting, Brewer said, "Life twists and turns and if I have any advice to young people it is to open yourself up to absolutely anything."

She added, "This is how I took what I really enjoyed and what I was passionate about and wove it into my life."

WC scores well in college guide, but leaves room for improvement

By Amy Bridge
STAFF WRITER

Every year, *U.S. News and World Report* ranks colleges and universities across the country. This guide provides college-bound students with something that compares both the quality and financial value of various schools. Westminster has scored well, but has room for improvement.

A college is more than just academics, sports or clubs-and the report is structured to take all the different facets of college life into consideration. Although academic programs are the most weighted, things such as freshman retention and graduation rates, class size and general reputation of the school are also scored. Additionally, campus life, diversity, extracurricular activities and student life are profiled for each.

According to the criteria established by *U.S. News and World Report*, Westminster has ranked among the third tier of colleges within its category, Liberal Arts-Bachelors. To qualify for this category, the college must stress a broad-based undergraduate education, and at least 50 percent of the degrees must be awarded in the liberal arts. A tier, translated in relation to the ranking, means that only the top 25 percent of schools in any category are assigned an actual numeric ranking, and the remaining colleges are arranged broad groupings, or tiers, based on their overall scores. Tier three begins by ranking 115 out of the 218 schools, with Westminster listed as 158. The campus's highest division was freshman retention rate, at 87 percent, only 10 percent less than Amherst, the number one ranking school in the country. The college also scored well in graduation rate, at 78 percent, the percent of its full time faculty, 87 percent and the number of classes with under 20 students, at 60 percent.

Three out of five students admitted to using *U.S. News and World Report's* annual ranking as a guide in the selection of a college, but cited their campus visits, the small class size and rural atmosphere as their final deciding factors.

Senior Rachel Miller offers her advice to improve the rankings. "I think the college could improve by adding a variety of classes within majors. At the upper-class levels, there really isn't much variety to choose from," Miller said. Junior Geoff Balla suggests that more social options be developed. "The Down Under could be transformed into a dance club rather than just host comedians. It would give a good alternative to fraternity parties," Balla said.

Seminar teaches seniors how to find future employment

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

The Senior Seminar held on Tuesday Sept. 25 was full of helpful hints for seniors.

The evening began with a welcome and invocation by President R. Thomas Williamson followed by a buffet dinner complete with chocolate mousse for dessert. Zane Gizzi was the keynote speaker for the evening.

Gizzi graduated from Westminster in 1983, and is now the Director of Development at Lancaster Catholic High School. He was previously employed on campus for nine years in the admissions department.

Gizzi stressed three important points to help seniors in their job search. "Be prepared, be aggressive and be confident," Gizzi said. He likened the job search to the decision to run a marathon, "you need to work up to it," Gizzi said. He then closed with the importance of giving something back and that "others' needs should come before your own."

The workshop presentations began with Angie Cowan, a graduate student at Youngstown State University, who spoke about applying to graduate school. She handed out a timeline listing important dates to remember in the application process.

Katie Edmiston, assistant director of the Career Center, was next to speak. Edmiston's presentation focused on the job search. She noted the Career Center has several self assessment tests that may help unsure students to decide on an appropriate job after college.

Ethics and corporate culture were the focus of the next presentation given by Cary Horvath, assistant professor of communications. Horvath discussed the importance of finding an enjoyable career.

Paige Sant, a consultant for J. L. Nick, Inc. and a 1984 graduate of Westminster, was the next to present. Sant's workshop focused on interviewing and the importance of being prepared. She also gave some helpful hints on what to expect.

The seminar closed with a workshop presentation given by Jackie Meade, director of the Career Center, and Janet Waugaman, assistant director. The presentation listed important tips to remember in writing a résumé and cover letter.

All those in attendance, about 100 seniors, were given folders of more detailed information to help with the job search. Information can also be obtained by visiting the Career Center, which is now located in Eichenauer.

Fresh Start's Singled Out winners opt not to go on prize date

By Debbie Pisor
STAFF WRITER

SGA added a new twist to its Fresh Start Program last year when it sponsored an all-freshman game of Singled Out. The game followed the design of the MTV show in which singles choose from an audience of possible dates. A man or woman in the "hot seat" responds to questions about his or her ideal date, which then leads to the ejection of audience members who don't match up. SGA held the event again this year, distributing prizes to the winners to be used on their dates.

The winners of this year's activity are Natalie Krivonik and Bob Allen, and Mike Colaneri and Jolene Weister. All four winners received gift certificates for Ruby Tuesdays and Westgate Cinemas.

Krivonik and Allen have not used their certificates together. Both still have them, but neither expressed plans for a date. Both explained that they had gotten to know one another better because they are in the same Inquiry class.

Allen is from Niles, Ohio. He is a double major in theater and public relations. He says he likes the size of the school, and says the people have been very nice. He also says he likes the individualized attention a smaller school offers and has had a great experience so far. He says that being part of Singled Out was a cool experience and a great way to get to know people.

Krivonik is from Greensburg, Pa. She is pursuing a major in Spanish and a minor in secondary education. When she arrived here, she only planned to stay one year, but now has decided to stay longer. She describes her participation in the game as "definitely an interesting experience and a good laugh." Krivonik also said the experience was somewhat awkward. She is planning to give her certificate for Ruby Tuesdays to her parents and to use the movie ticket for a night out with her friends.

The other winners of the game, Colaneri and Weister, were unavailable for comment.

Photo by Heidi Krieger
Natalie and Bob will not be using their certificates together.

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Contributed Photo
Campus members gather around the peace pole during Jeans Day '99.

continue sponsoring it. Brad Dell, the organization's president, says success has nothing to do with the number of students who wear jeans. "All I want is for everyone to get up in the morning and think about what this day means. Whether they wear jeans or not, if everyone thinks about it, it will be a successful day."

Dell is very specific about what the day does not mean. "Jeans Day is not a 'yay gay day.' You don't have to support homosexuality at all to support this day," Dell said. "It's about condemning hatred…and more than that, it's about condemning hateful acts that lead to events like those on Sept. 11."

At 11:30 a.m. on Jeans Day, Allies will also host a celebration on the grass between Ferguson and Galbreath. This gathering is open to everyone and will include reading and singing as well as other activities.

At 6:00 p.m., Allies invites students and faculty to a reflection time in the Down Under. This will be a time for people to speak about the day's events.

Along with Dell and 1999 alumna Rachel Jones, student affairs intern T.J. Greggs, a graduate student from Slippery Rock University, established Allies on campus. In 1999, they drafted a constitution based on the Allies organization at Carnegie Mellon University. Jeans Day was the first major event Allies planned.

Anyone interested in Allies is welcome to join. "If you're here to promote diversity—and we don't care what side of diversity you're promoting, we're happy to have you," senior Allies meeting facilitator E.J. Campbell said. "We don't care if you're gay, straight, black, white, tall, thin—we're happy to have you."

Student and faculty support of this organization has increased in the past two years since it has "allied" itself with other minority organizations. Jeanette Hooks, diversity coordinator, projects increased success for minority groups on campus. "I'm pretty confident in saying we're going to accomplish great things this year. I'm honored to be a part of these organizations," Hooks said. "There's strength in unity, there's strength in shared convictions, there's strength in shared pain."

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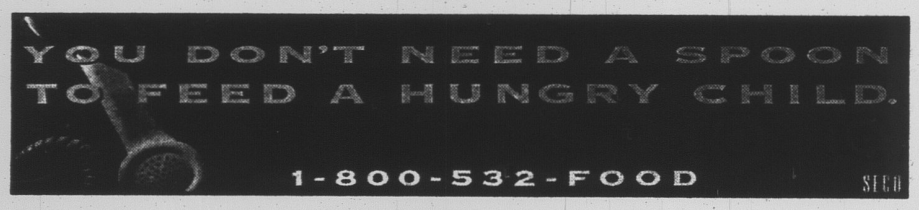
permitted to attend 20 parties throughout the semester, he said, "I just don't understand why the freshmen at this college have different rules and regulations to follow…It is just disappointing to know that I am a freshman in college but I still can't make the decision on whether I want to go to a party or not."

Senior Judd Campbell, a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, is also discouraged by the regulation. "I think this ruling is going to lead to fraternity houses having more closed parties. I do not think that the security guards are going to play as important of a role as they did in the past. Being a commuter, I have little chance to meet freshmen. This regulation is only going to decrease my chances of making new friends in the freshman class," Campbell said.

There will be an all fraternity meeting Sunday, Sept. 30 at 9 p.m. All members of each of the five fraternities are expected to attend.

"No new rules will be introduced at the meeting on Sunday. The Board of Trustees, as well as the safety and security on campus, are not trying to reduce parties in the fraternity houses. They are just trying to help freshmen students with their extreme environmental and cultural change as they attempt to create a smooth transition for first semester freshmen," Lechner said.



Argo staff member wins award for layout at summer conference

By Veronica Bowers
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Tiffany Gardiner received special recognition this summer at the Gettysburg Yearbook Experience, held at Gettysburg College. She received an award for "Excellence in PageMaker."

"I had nice design layouts and I enjoyed creating them. I really enjoy my work and that's what came across to the judges and that's why I was honored with such a reward," Gardiner said.

The summer yearbook conference is the nation's largest, with over 800 participants. Gardiner, who took part in the Advanced PageMaker class, is one of the layout editors for the 2002 Argo. "The best part of the class is that I learned so much more than when I first arrived. I've learned to set up many more designs," Gardiner said.

The conference lasted five days, July 22-26. Gardiner and sophomore Erica May, who will also be a layout editor for the 2002 Argo, represented the school. The layout editors create and choose designs for the yearbook.

The Advanced PageMaker class is composed of students who already have basic computer and PageMaker skills. The class focuses on more advanced software skills necessary to produce the yearbook using desktop publishing.

"This has been a valuable experience, giving me helpful ideas, different routes and choices to make for designing the 2002 yearbook," May said.

Jeans Day Thursday, Oct. 4th

Wear Jeans in order to support non-discrimination!

An event sponsored by ALLIES, Westminster's Gay Straight Alliance.

Join us for a celebration on the quad between Ferg and Brown Halls at 11:30am, and an end of the day reflection in the Down Under at 6:00pm.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Mark Schweiker to become governor of Pennsylvania in one week

By Michael Rubinkam
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PHILADELPHIA (AP) – Six and one-half years ago, Mark S. Schweiker catapulted from political obscurity to the lieutenant governor's office.

As he takes another quantum leap into the top job, Schweiker inherits a Pennsylvania facing uncertain economic times, a looming schools crisis and an unfinished governing agenda.

Schweiker said he's gained "unique insights" into Pennsylvania government as Tom Ridge's understudy, but "that doesn't mean my job is done, as far as comprehending the complex points of some of these large issues."

Schweiker, 48, becomes the state's next chief executive on Oct. 5, when Ridge resigns to lead the new Office of Homeland Security under President Bush. Schweiker will serve the remaining 15 months of Ridge's term.

Settling into the governor's office is "going to take some time, so I would ... tell you that it's going to require some patience," said Schweiker, a former Bucks County commissioner and township supervisor.

Yet Schweiker has very little time to grasp the issues facing the troubled Philadelphia school district, likely to be the first major test of his administration.

Edison Schools Inc., the nation's largest private operator of public schools, is nearing completion on a two-month study of the district's finances and educational program.

Ridge and Mayor John F. Street had announced an agreement under which the state would take over the district if a reform plan agreement was not reached by the end of October. But a Ridge spokesman said Friday that the governor now wants the issue resolved before he leaves Oct. 5 to assume his new post.

Street has already called Schweiker to discuss the situation, but Schweiker said he doesn't yet know what he will recommend to Street.

"Clearly, job one (for Schweiker) is the Philadelphia school situation," said David Thornburgh, executive director of the Pennsylvania Economy League. "That will be an early test of his management, leadership and vision, and it's an issue that affects 210,000 Pennsylvania students."

Schweiker also has to keep his eye on the Pennsylvania economy, which showed signs of weakness even before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Unemployment is up, while the threat of declining tax revenues prompted Ridge to ask state lawmakers to trim nearly $300 million from this year's budget. They wound up cutting $82 million.

State budget experts are already at work on next year's spending blueprint—earlier than usual—but concede that the uncertainty will make it very difficult to forecast revenues.

"The budget is clearly at risk, there's no question about that. That's true in just about every state in this country," said Joel Naroff, chief economist of Commerce Bank.

Still, the state is in relatively good financial shape, and Schweiker has the option of dipping into a $1.2 billion rainy day fund to deal with any severe economic downturn.

Depending on budget realities, Schweiker must decide whether he wants to try to finish Ridge's agenda, strike out on his own or simply be a caretaker until the next election. Pending issues include prescription drug coverage for seniors, medical malpractice reform, property tax reform and suburban sprawl.

Political considerations might steer Schweiker's course. Although he has repeatedly said he is not running for governor, he's also refused to rule it out. If he decides to run, he'll need to build a track record, political observers said.

"If he wants to be a caretaker and leave and go into business, then he can let the Legislature largely initiate the agenda," said G. Terry Madonna, a political analyst at Millersville University. "On the other hand, if he gets urged by other people to run, then you might get what you call a Schweiker agenda."

In private, Schweiker appears to be relaxed about his new job. Less than two hours after Bush named Ridge to his Cabinet, Schweiker called state GOP Chairman Alan Novak and said he wanted to chat about...the Yankees.

Schweiker and Novak talked about upcoming judicial races and the next state Republican convention, but they did not discuss Schweiker's political future or the challenges he faces, according to Novak.

"He was energetic, but you can tell the difference between positive excitement about something versus anxiety. There was no anxiety," Novak said.

Although he's sometimes derided as a political lightweight, Schweiker's allies said it's a mistake to underestimate him.

"One of his strongest attributes is his ability to focus, to be well organized," said Bucks County Commissioner Sandra A. Miller, a Democrat who served with Schweiker in the early 1990s. "He will have around him a plethora of talent, and there's not a doubt in my mind that he will make full use of that talent."

Regional Briefs

Cheerleaders resume stunts after initial ban

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ West Allegheny school officials hired a safety adviser to guide cheerleaders on tumbling and performing stunts.

The suburban Pittsburgh school district banned the stunts in December after a cheerleader suffered a back injury when she was dropped during a stunt her squad was practicing.

Joyce Vance, a coach who works locally with Universal Cheerleading Associates, which offers cheerleader training camps, will be paid $750 to do the job on an as-needed basis.

The tumbling ban has been lifted and the high school's varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders are practicing and performing various stunts.

Vance will act as a mentor for the cheerleading coaches and might hold clinics for the roughly 60 girls on cheerleading squads in the high school and middle school.

Blimps grounded due to terrorist attacks

AKRON, Ohio (AP) _ Television viewers won't see any overhead shots of football games in the Rose Bowl or Browns Stadium this weekend.

Goodyear blimps assigned to help cover those games are grounded under Federal Aviation Administration restrictions put in place following last week's terrorist attacks.

The blimps are among a handful of aircraft still grounded by the FAA. Restrictions also are in effect on some flights for banner towing, news reporting, traffic watch and sightseeing.

Two of Goodyear's three U.S. blimps were scheduled to provide aerial camera coverage of sporting events this weekend, spokeswoman Jennifer Arnold said.

California-based Eagle would have been flying over Pasadena, Calif., on Saturday to provide shots of the Ohio State game with UCLA.

The Spirit of Goodyear was slated to be in Cleveland on Sunday for the National Football League game between the Cleveland Browns and Detroit Lions.

Goodyear said it will wait for the FAA to lift restrictions before launching its airborne ambassadors again.

"We look forward to flying public service and disaster relief messages, as well as providing aerial coverage of TV news and sports," Arnold said.

The company is equipping the blimps so they can flash public service announcements and disaster relief messages.

Goodyear blimps have provided similar services following hurricanes and after an earthquake in San Francisco in 1989.

Flight 93 crash photos fetch $15,000 for recovery efforts

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) _ An oil company executive whose photos of the crash of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville have fetched $15,000 from national publications is donating the money to recovery efforts at the site.

"It's blood money," said Mark Stahl, 32, vice president of Stahl Oil Co. in Somerset, about eight miles west of the crash site. "It comes out of an act of terrorism. I want to take that act and try to do something positive."

Stahl was on business in Shanksville, about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, when Flight 93 crashed Sept. 11 about 10:10 a.m., killing all 44 passengers aboard.

Government officials believe passengers aboard the jet confronted their hijackers, somehow causing the crash—and preventing the plane from becoming the fourth hijacked airliner that day to be used as a weapon. Two other hijacked airliners destroyed the World Trade Center in New York City, and another crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. that morning.

Stahl heard radio broadcasts about the World Trade Center attacks while driving his sport utility vehicle. Not long after, he felt the impact of Flight 93 about three or four miles away.

Stahl said he followed thick blacks smoke to the crater caused by the crash near an abandoned strip mine. He used a digital camera he keeps for his job to snap pictures of the burning debris as emergency crews arrived.

Stahl was mobbed by local and national reporters when he arrived at the media checkpoint near the crash—at that time unaware of the value of the first close-up photos of the crash.

Only when national magazines like People contacted him about reproducing the photos—and sending him invoices—did he realize their value.

"This whole thing is totally unbelievable," Stahl said.

The money will be used to support local fire and police departments and other emergency workers who helped recover crash debris and human remains.

The money will be funneled through the Flight 93 Photos for Freedom charitable trust at Promistar Bank, P.O. Box 773, Somerset, Pa. 15501.

Substitute teacher suspended for bin Laden comment

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A substitute teacher got his job back Friday, a day after being suspended for writing "Osama bin Laden did us a favor!" in the margin of a newspaper that another teacher saw and reported to Pittsburgh Public Schools officials.

John Gardner, 51, a disabled Army veteran who has four children in city schools, was reinstated shortly after meeting with school officials to explain the remark. He had been suspended without a hearing on Thursday.

Gardner said he jotted down the phrase after somebody whose name he can't remember said something like this on MSNBC: "You could say Osama bin Laden did us a favor. He vulcanized us. He awakened us and strengthened our resolve."

Gardner said he noted the remark for a book he's been writing for eight years, "On the Wings of Adversity," that deals with finding the silver linings in the dark clouds of life.

School officials confirmed Friday afternoon that Gardner's suspension was lifted and that he will be paid for Thursday, when he was escorted off school grounds by police.

Pittsburgh schools spokeswoman Pat Crawford on Friday morning had defended the decision to suspend Gardner.

"You have to look at this in the light of everything else that's gone on in the world recently," Crawford said.

"Just the name 'bin Laden' evokes fear on the part of a lot of people, and especially in a school setting, it was not good judgment for a substitute to be working on this project, which is a personal project, on school time," Crawford said. "He should have been devoting his full time to being a substitute teacher."

NATIONAL

Two U. of Maryland students killed by tornado

By Etan Horowitz
The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Colleen and Erin Marlatt had just finished class for the day. The sisters, who did everything together, stopped by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute on Monday to see their father. After the two visited the office where Colleen had worked for three years, he escorted them to their car.

F. Patrick Marlatt said goodbye to his daughters and told them to hurry home because a storm was coming.

Little did he know the storm would change his life.

Three minutes after kissing his daughters goodbye and sending them on their way, Marlatt, the assistant director of the institute, found himself buried under a pile of rubble. A tornado had hit the University of Maryland campus and in its wrath destroyed the trailers housing the MFRI.

After being stuck in the collapsed building for more than 45 minutes, Marlatt was taken to the Washington Hospital Center where he was treated for minor cuts and bruises.

Dr. Clifford Turen, a longtime family friend, rushed to the hospital to check on Marlatt. At the hospital, they learned the tornado had killed two campus students. Marlatt had been in contact with his wife, who told him their daughters had not returned home yet. Turen said Marlatt realized at that moment those students were his daughters.

"He was in disbelief," Turen said.

Turen said the women probably did not even get out of the parking lot when their car was picked up by a tornado and thrown over the top of Easton Hall, coming to rest in a wooded area.

By all accounts, the women shared a strong bond.

"They were wonderful, loving children," Turen said. "They did the things that friends would do together."

Both sisters graduated from Notre Dame Preparatory School in Dulaney Valley. They commuted to the campus from their home in Clarksville.

The two were very active in their church and in community service, Turen said.

Colleen Patricia Marlatt, 23, was a senior, a double major in communication and environmental policy. She was interning in Annapolis and her goal was to work in environmental policy on the governmental level.

"I'm absolutely devastated at the loss of Colleen Marlatt," said Andrew Wolvin, a professor in the communication department who worked closely with her. "Colleen is a wonderful example of how undergraduate students can and do connect to UM's research mission."

Wolvin said Colleen Marlatt won the James I. Brown Research Award last year from the Institute for the Study of Intrapersonal Processes for her study, "Music Therapy for Persons with Senile Dementia: Do We Really Understand the Depth of Appreciative Listening?"

Erin Patricia Marlatt, 20, was a sophomore sociology major. Always with a smile on her face, friends say she was the type of girl everyone liked.

"I loved Erin because she was one of those happy-go-lucky people," said Erin Thiel, a junior business major and high school friend of Erin Marlatt's.

Erin took last semester off after undergoing neurosurgery in January. Turen said she was recovering nicely and was taking 18 credits this semester to make up for her time off from school.

At Notre Dame, Erin was a member of Encore, a school group for students with special singing abilities. She also held a retail job in Ellicott City.

Campus spokesman George Cathcart said the campus is deeply saddened by the death of the Marlatts, but the tragedies of recent weeks have brought out the best in people.

"There is a lot to be proud of here," he said.

Cathcart said the campus is working on planning a memorial service for Colleen and Erin. The campus has established a University of Maryland Tornado Victims Fund to provide relief for members of the campus community who were affected by the tornado. Anyone wishing to make a donation can mail a check to the "University of Maryland College Park Foundation" and indicate "Tornado Victims Fund" on the memo line.

Turen said the family has also established a memorial fund. Those wishing to donate to the fund can send checks to the Erin and Colleen Marlatt Scholarship Fund, c/o St. Louis Church, P.O. Box 155, Clarksville, MD 21029.

Woman competent to stand trial for drowning deaths of children

By Pam Easton
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HOUSTON (AP)-A jury made up mostly of women on Saturday found a mother accused of drowning her five children competent to stand trial on capital murder charges.

Prosecutors will seek the death penalty against Andrea Yates, Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal has said.

Yates, 37, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to two counts of capital murder in the deaths of three of her children. Her family says she suffered from severe depression after the births of her children.

However, the jury of 11 women and one man decided after deliberating for more than eight hours over two days that Yates sufficiently understands the charges against her and has the ability to consult with her attorneys.

Saturday's verdict means a date will be set for Yates' trial, for which a new jury will be chosen to decide whether she was sane or insane at the time of the drownings. If the jurors had found her incompetent, Yates would have begun treatment at a mental health facility with updates to the court every 90 days.

One of Yates' attorneys, George Parnham, had argued that Yates needed more treatment.

"It would be impossible to relate to you our feelings," he said after Saturday's verdict. "She's here, she'll be here. She's being cared for by the psychiatrists who not only take care of her mentally, but take care of every need she has."

A court order barred reporters from talking to jurors, said bailiff Harold Bittner.

Police said Yates called officers to her home on June 20 and admitted that she drowned the children one by one. John, 5; Paul; 3; Luke, 2, and Mary, 6 months, were found on a bed, their bodies still wet, and Noah, 7, was found dead in the bathtub.

One of the counts lists the killings of Noah and John, as two victims killed during the commission of the same crime, to qualify for capital punishment. The second count lists the death of Mary as a child under the age of 6.

By not listing all of the children in a single count, prosecutors avoid the possibility that a mistrial could void all of the charges. If necessary, they could file charges later in the deaths of the other two youngsters.

Yates' husband, Russell Yates, has said she suffered from postpartum depression after the fourth and fifth children were born.

During a hearing that started Wednesday, doctors testifying for the prosecution and defense offered different opinions on whether Yates was competent to stand trial.

During closing arguments Friday, Parnham told jurors they should find Yates incompetent so she could continue to recover from psychotic features of her mental illness.

"What's the rush?" Parnham said. "Give her the benefit of the ability to be cognizant of what she did ... to be able to defend herself in a proper manner."

Prosecutor Joe Owmby told jurors the defense was confusing the issues.

"The issue is whether she is presently competent, not whether she has a mental disease," Owmby argued. "She has to have a trial, and she's competent to have that trial today."

Yates' medical records show that after she tried twice to commit suicide in 1999, she told a doctor she wanted to kill herself so she wouldn't hurt anyone else. The doctor warned Yates that she should consider her own well being before having more children, and noted that additional births would guarantee future psychotic depression.

A little more than a year later, Yates gave birth to her fifth child.

Yates was hospitalized again earlier this year because her husband feared she wasn't eating or drinking enough. She was released in May.

Ohio's governing law on charter schools is flawed; needs fixed

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) -- Ohio lawmakers who were fed up with low test scores and graduation rates at public schools created charter schools as a new alternative four years ago.

Today, supporters see the schools—which are publicly funded but privately run—as competition to rule-bound public schools that do not provide an adequate education to needy schoolchildren.

Opponents see the schools as a financial drain on already underfunded public districts and say too many are being mismanaged at the expense of children.

But both sides agree Ohio's law governing charter schools is flawed and should be fixed.

The Legislature in 1997 approved charter schools as a pilot project for Lucas County and the option eventually was made available to Akron, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Dayton and other districts.

Supporters said the tuition-free, nonsectarian schools would promote competition within public schools, cater to the needs of students and save money.

There were 68 charter schools in operation last year with more than 17,000 students. This year, there are 86 charter schools in Ohio with up to 30,000 students, said Steve Ramsey, president of the 5-month-old Ohio Charter School Association.

The schools received about $100 million in state funding last year, compared with $6 billion for traditional public schools.

Opponents say the schools have fallen short of their intent.

Only 18 percent of about 1,200 charter school fourth-graders passed the state's fourth-grade reading test in March, and only 6 percent passed all five subject areas. By contrast, 56 percent of children in Ohio's regular public schools passed the fourth-grade reading test and 38 percent passed all five tests.

"The results stink," said Tom Mooney, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers. "I'll grant them, they're not getting any cream of the crop, but they ought to at least be able to show results as good as the public schools, or why would the state and local taxpayers fund this experiment?"

The union, which represents about 20,000 teachers, is the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit alleging the charter school law is unconstitutional because the schools aren't part of a state system of common schools.

Tammy Butler, whose son attends a Columbus charter school, says the freedom given to teachers provides for a better learning environment, despite low test scores.

"I can see my son is learning," said Butler, whose son Nicholas, 6, attends Millennium Community School, which has nearly 700 students.

Ginny Kohl, 16, of Toledo, has gone from failing grades and fights with students in public schools to A's and B's at Aurora Academy. She credits a different attitude among her teachers.

"I was bad, nobody could really get through to me," Kohl said. "I didn't care about anything because the teachers really didn't listen. They were just there to do their job, and that was it."

Charter school operators say they haven't had enough time to improve the performance of all of their students, some of whom struggled in public schools.

INTERNATIONAL

Saudi Arabia and Turkey agree to cooperate with the U.S.

By Barry Schweid
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)-U.S. officials said Saturday they were pleased by cooperation from Saudi Arabia and Turkey as American military forces moved to position themselves for a military strike against Afghanistan.

The oil-rich kingdom of Saudi Arabia is of enormous strategic and diplomatic importance to the United States.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Charles Wald, commander of U.S. Central Command's air component, has shifted operations to Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, where he could plan and direct air attacks against Afghanistan and other possible targets in the region.

The United States has "a command and control center with Saudi Arabia. It's up and running and it's operational," a senior U.S. official said Saturday.

Having Saudi Arabia in the U.S. camp is useful also in countering sentiment in the Arab world against President George W. Bush's campaign to uproot the terrorism network of Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks, and oppose the Saudi exile's supporters.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Saud al-Faisal, consulted with Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell last week, and U.S. officials said the kingdom was cooperating with U.S. requests. The administration is "pleased with the level of their support," one official said Saturday.

The minister registered his country's condemnation of the attacks and pledged Saudi backing in the campaign against terrorism.

While Saud was in Washington, however, a senior Saudi official cautioned in Riyadh that the kingdom and other Arab countries did not want to be thrust into a conflict. Any aid provided by Arab and smaller Persian Gulf states must be preceded by a clear and specific declaration of which countries and groups will be targeted, the foreign ministry official said.

Turkey, meanwhile, has agreed to allow Air Force transport aircraft to use its airspace and airports for a possible retaliation to the attacks, Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said in a letter to Bush.

Turkey is also willing to share intelligence on Afghanistan with the United States. The Taliban rulers are thought to be harboring bin Laden.

"We appreciate all the support we are enjoying in the region and around the world," Pentagon spokesman Bryan G. Whitman said Saturday.

Also Saturday, the United Arab Emirates cut diplomatic relations with the Taliban for the leaders' refusals to surrender bin Laden. The move leaves only two countries that recognize the Taliban as Afghanistan's government, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Pakistan has pledged to support the United States.

On Friday, China, which borders Afghanistan, also pledged cooperation during a meeting between Powell and Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan.

U.S. and Chinese experts plan to meet next week in Washington to discuss the situation in South Asia where, according to U.S. officials, the terrorist plots were hatched, Powell said.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Italian Foreign Minister Renato Ruggiero are expected to offer support and sympathy for the United States in meetings Tuesday with Bush. On Friday, Jordan's King, Abdullah II, plans a similar White House visit.

The Organization of American States foreign ministers, meeting in special session Friday, also approved resolutions promising to assist the United States in its counterterrorism struggle.

Powell also cited expressions of support from the United Nations, the Arab League, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Organization of African Unity and the European Council.

Tel Aviv giving possible bid for 2012 Olympics

By Stephan Wilson
AP SPORTS WRITER

LONDON (AP) - Despite the continuing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Tel Aviv is forging ahead with a possible bid for the 2012 Olympics - while acknowledging it could be 20 to 30 years before the games actually go to Israel.

Alex Gilady, an Israeli member of the International Olympic Committee, sent a letter to IOC president Jacques Rogge on Tuesday to report that the Israeli government had decided to carry out a feasibility study of a Tel Aviv bid.

Citing "the dark days of terror, violent conflicts and dark clouds over my country," Gilady said Israel realized that a settlement of the Palestinian conflict was a "precondition" for a viable Olympic candidacy.

But he said Israel would press ahead with the possible bid while politicians try to negotiate a lasting peace.

"This decision is a clear indication that we will not let the years be wasted and use the Olympic dream to upgrade our infrastructure and sports facilities," Gilady said.

"It may take 20 or 30 years to fulfill the project," he added. "The most important thing is that every piece of land that the five (Olympic) rings are flying over is - or wants to be - a better place for mankind."

The Israeli government has budgeted $1.37 million for the two-year feasibility study.

As many as a dozen cities around the world could enter the 2012 race, including Rome, London, Paris and Madrid. Eight American cities are in the running to become the official U.S. entry.

The IOC will select the host city in 2005.

A possible Israeli bid was first proposed 22 months ago by three urban planning students at Tel Aviv University. They conducted a study showing how Olympic host cities such as Seoul, South Korea, and Barcelona, Spain, used the games for urban regeneration projects.

Former IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch visited Israel in June, just days after a suicide bombing killed 20 people at a Tel Aviv disco, and said an Olympic bid was unthinkable without a peace agreement.

"It can happen if you have peace," he said. "Without peace it's impossible."

Israel and the Palestinians agreed Wednesday on a series of confidence-building measures aimed at formalizing a shaky cease-fire and ending a year of fighting.

Orgy banned; rescheduled

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP)-A three-day sex romp planned for this weekend in Rio de Janeiro was banned by police authorities, local media reported Saturday.

The 50-hour sex marathon, organized by Brazil's Hedonist Club, was expected to attract up to 1,500 pleasure-seekers to a large sauna club in Rio's northern residential suburb of Recreio dos Bandeirantes.

The police sealed off the location Friday evening, following a request from the city's archbishop Eugenio Sales, when it was discovered that organizers did not have the appropriate license to hold the event.

The orgy, planned to run from Friday night through Monday morning, will now take place in two weeks at a secret location, according to organizers.

Hussein condemns Bush's request that countries take sides

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)-Sadham Hussein criticized President Bush on Saturday for telling nations to choose sides in the coming war against terrorism-saying it was a choice that Iraq has never demanded countries make.

When Iraqis were killed, "we did not ask the world to be either with us or with the terror, as America is doing," the Iraqi leader told his Cabinet, in remarks carried on state TV.

"Instead, we thanked those who sympathized with us, without regarding those who failed to do so as our enemies," he said.

Bush told Congress Thursday that nations of the world must decide whether they are with the United States or with the terrorists.

Hussein accused the U.S. leader of "treating terrorism with terrorism."

It was his fourth remark about the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. In his first, an open letter to the West, the leader said Americans should learn through their current pain about the suffering they've inflicted on others, particularly Iraqis and Palestinians.

Apparently addressing the United States' increasing economic worries, Hussein said, "If America deals with the world's peoples in a decent manner, then its fortunes will be increased and it will face no competition."

"You (Americans) will not be able to achieve stability and security, if you ride your horses and chase the people," he said.

The United States considers Iraq still under U.S. supported U.N. sanctions, 11 years after the Gulf War, as a state sponsor of terrorism.

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best celebrated at home.

Senior Joseph Stamper added that, "Coming back on MLK Day is a slap in the face to African American students."

Campus Diversity Coordinator Jeanette Hooks echoed Kerr's sentiments. She said that African American communities take pride in MLK Day, staging a two-day celebration beginning with an evening service and including many activities.

According to Hooks, the college is on the NAACP list, as well as other human rights organizations' lists.

Neil Edman, dean of student affairs, pointed out a sad reality. "If given the day off, most students would observe the holiday by going to the mall or something else," Edman said.

The rest of the meeting focused on the possible solutions of cutting down the winter break one week and closing classes for MLK Day. This proposal would give the necessary amount of classes in the semester, but would greatly impact travel courses which typically last for three weeks, starting a few days after Christmas.

Campus reactions are mixed. Many students agree that while the holiday is significant, a day off would be dedicated more to nursing hangovers than observance.

Junior Michael Crochunis shared his opinion outside the meeting, "I think that since the college doesn't celebrate any individual's birthday or death, exceptions shouldn't be made to boost public approval."

Mark Meighen, senior director of media relations, urged the committee to act for the right reasons. "The college should choose what is best for the students, not for marketing."

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WTC AFTERMATH

Taliban shot down unmanned reconnaissance plane Saturday

By Amir Shah
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)-The ruling Taliban said its fighters shot down an unmanned reconnaissance plane Saturday in northern Afghanistan, where the opposition reported heavy fighting with forces of the hard line Islamic leadership.

The Taliban's official Bakhtar news agency said investigators were trying to determine what country launched the plane. The aircraft was shot down over the Tashgurgan Pass in Samangan province, which borders Uzbekistan.

In Washington, Pentagon officials refused to say whether the plane was American.

Fears of a military confrontation with the United States have risen after the Bush administration accused exiled Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden of masterminding the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, in which thousands were believed to have died.

Bin Laden has lived in Afghanistan since 1996, and President Bush has demanded the Taliban hand him and his lieutenants over or face American military action. The Taliban rejected the demand and warned Afghans to prepare for holy war to defend the country.

Addressing a joint session of Congress on Thursday, Bush also told the Taliban give the United States full access to terrorist training camps and release imprisoned U.S. aid workers, saying the demands were not negotiable.

With fears of U.S. attack running high, five truckloads of Afghan men drove Saturday to the compound of the abandoned American embassy, threw rocks and bricks at the gate and screamed "death to America."

The embassy has been abandoned since 1988, when U.S. diplomats left the country in the final months of the war against Soviet occupation forces.

As they face the prospect of an armed clash with the United States, the Taliban are also battling an alliance of opposition forces in the north. Opposition spokesman Mohammed Ashraf Nadim reported heavy fighting Saturday in the northern provinces of Balkh and Samagan, where the plane was reportedly downed.

Nadim said two opposition fighters were wounded and at least 39 Taliban fighters were killed. The reports could not be independently confirmed. The Taliban control of about 95 per cent of the country.

During a generation of civil war, hundreds of thousands of Afghans have sought shelter in villages and in neighboring countries, mostly Pakistan, Tajikistan and Iran. However, all three have closed their borders at the request of the United States. That has left tens of thousands of destitute Afghans stranded on their side of the three borders, many without enough food.

"The fear of military attacks on Afghanistan has caused a mass movement of people toward the borders," Amnesty International said Friday. "It is imperative that the international community take responsibility for this and urgently address the unfolding humanitarian crisis."

The situation is also grim in Kabul.

Doctors at the city's Children's Hospital said the number of patients has fallen dramatically because families have taken them from the dilapidated clinic, presumably because the families plan to flee the capital.

"We have only one week's worth of medicine left because the borders are closed," said Dr. Saleh Rehman Rehmani. "I am worried what will happen once the fighting starts."

Standing in a hallway of the hospital, he said: "I appeal to America that its mighty forces should not attack this impoverished country."

Russian president considers U.S. war on terrorism with caution

By Angela Charlton
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MOSCOW (AP)-President Vladimir Putin spoke with President Bush on Saturday and convened Russia's top defense, security and law enforcement officials to discuss fighting international terrorism.

Putin has been cautious as he considers how deeply to support the United States in its war on terrorism, one of the biggest decisions he has faced since taking office last year.

Putin met throughout the day with his defense minister, interior minister, Security Council chief and the heads of all of Russia's key intelligence and security agencies. The meetings took place in Sochi, a Black Sea resort where Putin is on a working vacation.

"We have always been initiators of the effort to unite the forces of the international community in the battle with terror. If we want to win there is no other way," Putin said in comments shown on ORT television. "We must unite forces of all civilized society."

During a break in talks, Putin spoke with Bush by telephone, the Kremlin press service said. They discussed "the situation developing in the world" and their planned meeting in Shanghai next month, the service said in a terse statement.

Russian officials would not discuss details Putin's talks with his own subordinates. Putin told the security officials, "I count very much on your recommendations," and he promised to meet with leading lawmakers to discuss Russia's strategy.

In an interview with German media posted on his Web site Friday night, Putin said Russia is ready to cooperate with the United States "in the widest sense." But he did not give details, and he has indicated Russia would not offer troops for any U.S. military action and would not welcome any unilateral decisions by the United States.

Russian officials have also bristled at the prospect of U.S. military presence in former Soviet republics of Central Asia that neighbor Afghanistan. Russia fears that U.S. strikes on Afghanistan from Central Asia could unleash a new round of terrorist attacks in Russia itself and weaken Russian influence in the oil-rich region.

The chief of Russia's Armed Forces General Staff, Anatoly Kvashnin, was expected to meet Saturday in Tajikistan with the new commander of the Afghan opposition force fighting the ruling Taliban. In recent days, Kvashnin has said Russia was not considering participating in any attack on Afghanistan.

Pa. Gov. Tom Ridge appointed to Office of Homeland Security

By Zeb Eckert

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — In a highly anticipated address to a joint session of Congress Thursday night, President Bush announced the creation of a Cabinet-level position to fight terrorism and pledged a vigorous military campaign against rogue nations.

The President appointed Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge to lead the newly-created Office of Homeland Security, aimed to develop a "comprehensive strategy against terrorism."

Bush condemned the terrorist acts of Sept. 11 and said nations that harbor terrorists would be punished severely.

"We will pursue nations that provide aid or safe haven to terrorism" he said. "Every nation and every region now has a decision to make. Either you are with us or you are with the terrorist."

The President said American demands to hand over terrorists and uncover networks "are not open to negotiation or discussion."

In a clear sign of a full military engagement, Bush said he called the armed forces to alert for a reason.

"The hour is coming when America will act and you will make us proud," he said.

He acknowledged the United States response would involve the support of a number of foreign nations and would likely be a lengthy campaign.

Americans can expect "dramatic strikes and covert operations," Bush said.

The military response would be unlike the Gulf War and involve a much more concentrated ground approach, he said.

After a number of attacks on Muslims and Arab-Americans across the country, the President emphasized peaceful Muslims are not the enemy.

"We respect your faith," he said. "Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists and every government that supports them."

The President said he hopes American life will soon return to normal and asked the country to remain strong in a time of great sadness.

"We will rally the world to this cause by our efforts, by our courage. We will not tire, we will not falter and we will not fail."

Protesters in Great Britain oppose military action in Afghanistan

LONDON (AP)-Thousands of protesters staged a series of rallies throughout Britain Saturday to voice opposition to the threat of military action against Afghanistan.

In London, police said around 3,000 people gathered in the city center close to the official Downing Street residence of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Many of the protesters wore black and carried pieces of paper reading: "Stand shoulder to shoulder for peace and justice. No more violence."

The silent vigils, organized by the anti-nuclear organization Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, were mirrored in Manchester, 160 miles north of London, and in Glasgow, Scotland.

"Any military strike is going to kill yet more civilians who don't deserve to die, in the same way as the Americans didn't deserve to die," said CND spokeswoman Carol Naughton in London.

"It will only create a spiral of violence and it will create a huge uprising against the U.S. and possibly Britain."

It is estimated that between 200 and 300 British nationals were killed in the attacks on the World Trade Center. Blair is standing shoulder to shoulder with his U.S. counterpart, fully backing America's war against terrorism and even undertook a 9,000-mile, 48-hour diplomatic mission to four countries to strengthen support for military action against those responsible for the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings.

CND, however, called on the Western powers Saturday not to launch a military attack against Osama bin Laden, the terrorist leader thought to be behind the atrocities in New York and Washington, saying it would lead to more bloodshed.

In Manchester around 300 people, according to police estimates, marched through the city and gathered for speeches.

In Glasgow, the protest by around 1,000 people began with a minute's silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks.

Police in all three cities said the protests were peaceful and no arrests were made.

European Union leaders declared their "total solidarity" with the United States during a special summit in Brussels Friday. They agreed a package of measures designed to combat international terrorism and a statement pledging support for a strike against those directly responsible for the tragedies.

SPORTS

West Liberty State triumphs over Titans 42-22

By Brittany Jardine
STAFF WRITER

Titan football suffered its second loss of the season at the home opener on Saturday. West Liberty State, a NCAA Division II team from West Virginia, won the game with a score of 42-22.

Three minutes into the game, West Liberty was on the scoreboard with a punt return by Marquee Battle. Three plays later, the Titans answered the touchdown with one of their own. Senior wide receiver Brian Lipiello caught a pass from quarterback Matt Robison to tie the score at seven. With 11 minutes to play in the first half, West Liberty led with a 14-10 score after senior kicker Jon McCartney made the 27-yard field goal.

During the third quarter, West Liberty scored two unanswered touchdowns to lead 35-10. Later in the quarter, junior tight end Nevin Baker scored two touchdowns off of Robison's passes to bring the score to 35-22. Near the end of the fourth quarter, West Liberty scored on a touchdown run by Delino White to make the final score 42-22.

Leading the way for the Titan offense were Brian Lipiello and Nevin Baker. Lipiello finished with four receptions for 97 yards and one touchdown. Baker ended the day with five receptions for 54 yards and two touchdowns. Freshman touchback Scott Froelich and senior running back Joe Korcinsky also contributed to the Titan offense for the day. Senior Eric Witt and sophomore Nick Fritch led the Titan defense. Witt had 12 tackles and Fritch had eight tackles and one forced fumble. Seniors Chris Roscoe, Cory Shaw and Bryan O'Neill also contributed to the Titan defense.

Roscoe had six tackles and one forced fumble. Shaw had five tackles, one fumble recovery and one sack. O'Neill had five tackles and one interception.

The Titans return to action Saturday at home against PAC rival Washington and Jefferson College at 1 p.m.

Cross country men win again

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The men's cross country team captured the St. Vincent College Invitational Saturday for the third year in a row.

East Coast Athletic Conference Runner of the Week, senior Jacob Gleason's individual win in 24:08 laid waste to the seven-team field including St. Vincent, California, Pa., Washington and Jefferson, Bethany, Thiel and LaRoche.

In the women's race, the Titans took second of 10 teams, defeating Seton Hill, St. Vincent, Waynesburgh, Thiel, LaRoche, Bethany, W&, and Pitt Johnstown, falling only to California, Pa.

Senior Desiree Henry, who also was chosen for ECAC honors this week, captured her fourth individual title of the season, remaining unbeaten thus far.

Both teams will travel to Carlise, Pa this weekend for the Dickinson Invitational.

Lady Titan soccer trounces Grove City in PAC match

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

Women's soccer now sits at 5-2 after a close loss to Wooster and a decisive win over Grove City.

The team traveled to Wooster, Ohio last Wednesday to face the ninth ranked team in the Division III Great Lakes Region.

Wooster drew first blood on a Beth Hemminger penalty kick in the 25th minute of the game, only to see the score tied five minutes later by Titan standout senior forward Ashley Pyle.

The match remained knotted until the 65th minute when Wooster's Liz Martin scored the unassisted game winner.

On Friday, the women defeated PAC rival Grove City, 4-1, at home to bring their overall record to 5-2 and 2-0 in the PAC.

Ashley Pyle chalked-up a hat-trick, three goals in a single match, during the first half to bring the score to 3-0. Pyle once again leads the team in scoring with eight goals on the season, appearing in only four of the seven games thus far.

Junior midfielder Ashley Tonks added a second half goal and two assists to secure the win.

Senior Goalkeeper Sarah Morrison posted five saves throughout the day to bring her season total to 39 of the 46 shots against.

Morrison expects big things out of the team this year. "The rest of the season looks good, should dominate the PAC, non-conference games will be a bit more difficult, but we should be able to compete with any team out there. We're solid and we look good," Morrison said.

The ladies will be in action again Tuesday at 4:30 against W&J in Washington, Pa.

Volleyball ups record to 6-5

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The Titan netters upped their record to 6-5 overall and 2-0 in the PAC by continuing their run of undefeated home contests with a decisive three set win over Waynesburg College on Thursday night.

Junior middle hitter Suzanne Fitz led the team by contributing 15 kills and four blocks to the win.

Stellar performances were also given by senior outside hitter Shannon Simmons, who recorded 12 kills, junior middle hitter Katie Spehar, who chalked-up 11 kills and four blocks and junior setter Carolee Reed with 44 assists.

The women will attempt to extend their undefeated conference record when they travel to Bethany College on Tuesday night for a 6:30 contest.

This week in Sports

Friday, 9/28/01
Volleyball at Ohio Wesleyan Invitational

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Volleyball at Ohio Wesleyan Invitational
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Football VS. WASH. & JEFF.*
Women's Soccer at Waynesburg*
Women's Tennis at Grove City*
Men's Golf at Malone Invitational

Sunday, 9/30/01
Men's Soccer VS. LAKE ERIE
Men's Golf at Malone Invitational

Monday, 10/1/01
Women's Soccer VS. BETHANY*

Tuesday, 10/02/01
Volleyball at Grove City*
Women's Tennis at Wash. & Jeff.*

Wednesday, 10/03/01
Men's Soccer at Waynesburg*

Thursday, 10/04/01
Volleyball at Thiel*
Women's Soccer at Thiel*
Women's Tennis VS. BETHANY*

Friday, 10/5/01
Men's Soccer at Penn State-Behrend

Jordan answers fans' questions

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Questions about Michael Jordan's comeback are finally answered. He will make a second comeback by joining the Washington Wizards for the 2001-2002 season. His announcement was supposed to be a huge ordeal, with reporters and cameras capturing his every word. However, in the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy, he decided to be more low-key and simply issue a press release out of respect. Sports columnists, reporters and fans all over the country are criticizing his decision. Why? He's old (38 and counting), out of shape and not energetic enough to take on the youngsters of the NBA.

I say to His Airness, go for it. Who am I to say that the return of the greatest basketball player of our time, and perhaps history, is a mistake? If he thinks that he still has the stuff to get him a championship, then more power to him. True, he is older than most of the players in the league, but he also has more raw talent and athleticism than the current Wizards have combined.

But why would he want to go back to his former profession? He's living the good life in retirement, playing golf, owning the Wizards and hanging out with other retired basketball players, like his good pal Charles Barkley. According to Sports Illustrated's Rick Reilly, there are plenty of reasons why Jordan would seek a repeat performance.

"One, he sees (Mario) Lemieux having the time of his life while proving he can still bring it. And don't think Jordan wouldn't love to slap around Allen Iverson and Kobe Bryant like rented mules. Two, he loves to have fun. And Jordan has the most fun when he's turning pro basketball players into soggy lumps on the court and hanging with his teammates afterward. Three, he hates to lose. As the Wizards' president of basketball operations, he's losing only slightly fewer games than the Washington Generals did. He doesn't want to wait two or three years to win. He wants to win yesterday."

Yes, there is an increased chance that Jordan will suffer more injuries and not play as much as he did in the past. He may even be taken out of games for poor performances or fatigue. I don't pity Doug Collins, the head coach of the Wizards, for the first time that he has to yank Jordan because he's getting schooled. That may or may not happen, but Jordan, Collins and the fans must be prepared for that possibility.

Jordan will be a needed flame for the NBA as well. The NBA's ratings have been suffering in the past years, dropping 35 percent last year alone. Jordan and the Wizards will have viewers, if not for the basketball, then to satisfy curiosities about Jordan's level of play. For the most part, Jordan's return will be an exciting journey for the NBA, the fans and His Airness. His work ethic and extreme dedication will pull him through the ordeals of returning and facing criticism. If anyone could come back to a professional sport, it is Michael Jordan.

Cubs lose fourth consecutive game to Pittsburgh Pirates

By Alan Robinson
AP SPORTS WRITER

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Four consecutive losses, the latest by a 12-run margin to the NL's worst team. Ten losses in 14 games, 11 losses in 16 games.

So many negative numbers, so much bad pitching, so many games that could have been won but were lost. The Chicago Cubs look to be done.

Somehow, manager Don Baylor is convinced they are not.

He doesn't care that they were embarrassed in a 13-1 loss Tuesday night to the last-place Pirates, or that starting pitcher Jason Bere left with a five-run deficit after retiring only one batter.

Instead, he sees all the Cubs accomplished in building a long-since-vanished lead of six games in the NL Central, and is convinced it can happen again—not next season, but this season, this week.

"We're 41/2 games out (in the NL wild card race), and that's not insurmountable," Baylor said. "The schedule should favor us. But we still have to put together some kind of winning streak. A four-game losing streak isn't going to do anything, and neither is depending on somebody else to help you."

They didn't get any help, either, as the St. Louis Cardinals added another game to their wild card lead over the Cubs by beating Houston 3-2.

Still, Baylor is certain the Cubs can make a run at the wild card by finishing strong at home, where they play their final 10 games beginning Thursday. Three are against the Pirates, who are 0-5 in Wrigley Field.

"We have to be really cognizant of the year we've had," Baylor said. "We have 11 left and we're going home to finish. We cannot end this season on a down note, not at all. We've got to kick it in gear."

They might want to hurry. The Cubs must overtake not only the Cardinals but the Giants, who recently moved past them in the wild card race.

"We just need wins," Bere said. "How it happens doesn't really matter."

It fell apart quickly for the Cubs on Tuesday, even though the first inning took 39 minutes as Bere threw 37 pitches, and Pirates starter Jimmy Anderson threw 31.

Brian Giles, Rob Mackowiak and Wilson had run-scoring singles in the Pirates' five-run first, while Kevin Young had a sacrifice fly, and Jason Kendall drew a bases-loaded walk.

It was the second five-run inning by the Pirates in a span of five innings. The Pirates rallied from a 5-0 deficit with a five-run sixth inning Monday and went on to win 7-6.

"I don't think it's a matter of taking anybody lightly," Bere said. "It's a big league lineup. We didn't underestimate anybody."

After Bere (11-10) left, reliever Carlos Zambrano gave up three runs in the second, and Courtney Duncan allowed four more in the third to make it 12-0. Anderson (8-17) helped himself with an RBI single in each inning, while Aramis Ramirez hit 33rd homer in the third and Craig Wilson had an RBI single and a double.

"We've been waiting for one of those for a long time," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said. "I just didn't know it would take so long to get it."

Sports briefs

By The Associated Press

76ers go under the knife

PHILADELPHIA (AP) _ Allen Iverson and Aaron McKie both had surgery and will not be able to play for the Philadelphia 76ers for at least a month.

Iverson, the NBA's MVP who led the 76ers to the Finals last season, is expected to miss 4-to-6 weeks after an arthroscopic operation on his right elbow. He probably will be ready for the season opener Oct. 30.

McKie, the league's top sixth man, had a similar procedure on his right shoulder and will be out six to eight weeks. He could start the season on the injured list.

Longley retires

NEW YORK (AP) _ Luc Longley, a 10-year veteran who won three NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls, announced his retirement.

The 32-year-old center, who played in 25 games for New York last season, has an arthritic condition in his left ankle that forced his retirement. The 7-foot-2 Longley was a member of Australia's Olympic team. He also played for Minnesota and Phoenix, averaging 7.2 points and 4.9 rebounds for his career.

Yankees clinch fourth straight title

NEW YORK (AP) _ Playing at home for the first time since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the New York Yankees clinched their fourth straight AL East title when Boston lost to Baltimore. The Yankees went on and lost themselves, 4-0 to Tampa Bay.

Roger Clemens (20-2) lost for the first time since May 20 at Seattle, ending a 16-game winning streak. He did strike out nine batters to move into third place on the career strikeout list.

Bledsoe to be released from hospital

BOSTON (AP) _ Drew Bledsoe's doctors determined his organs were not damaged on a tackle that caused internal bleeding in his chest, New England coach Bill Belichick said.

The Patriots quarterback still was expected to miss at least two games, but he could be released from the hospital as soon as Wednesday.

Hejduk pleads guilty to careless driving

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) _ Colorado forward Milan Hejduk pleaded guilty to a charge of careless driving in an alleged drunken-driving case.

Under a deal with prosecutors, a charge of driving while ability impaired will be dismissed if Hejduk stays out of trouble for two years, district attorney's spokesman Mike Knight said.

Skinner to undergo knee surgery

NASCAR driver Mike Skinner will undergo reconstructive knee surgery that will keep him out of a race car for the rest of the season.

Skinner, who drives the No. 31 Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing, will be replaced by Robby Gordon, who filled in for four races after Skinner was injured July 15 in a crash during the Winston Cup race at Chicagoland Speedway.

The decision to operate ends Skinner's seven-year stint driving for Childress.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Why is it that construction has to take up so much space on campus?

I love fun days in the cafeteria.

Where is the MAC machine?

Campus Radio is cool again! Go 88.9!

Is the beef really beef?

Why does everyone on the second and third floor of Shaw wait until I'm in the shower to flush the toilet? It burns!

Why can't there be an outdoor computer lab for Data Structures?

I think we should start charging the squirrels for room and board.

Why does the bookstore give us back $2.00 for every book?

What is Rant and Rave?

Where does our tuition go?

Why does it smell so bad in the weight room? Don't boys shower?

I eat things I find on the ground. Titans forever!

Kudos to the Eichenaur residents who spilled garbage in their hallway over the weekend. Is that your secret mating call?

BBQ day rules!

Why do Westminnie people need to gossip about only certain people? They need to get a life.

Thank you, Marriott, for making our lives harder in the TUB. I'm so pleased with your newest policy -- we have to get bags after we check out. Do you know how hard it is to balance food, books, card, etc? Try it sometime!

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OUR VIEW: Unleashed

On a beautiful day, this campus is crawling with people studying outside, talking outside and every once in a while engaging in a spontaneous game of football or Frisbee. On a beautiful day, people from the community of New Wilmington and students take advantage of the green quad and sparkling Lake Brittain. They bring with them their dogs.

However, what many of them seem to forget is their leashes.

Granted, many of the dogs that are seen running across campus are unbelievably well-behaved and have their owners in tow, but many people take for granted that everyone loves dogs. It is not unusual to be walking along and have to slow down because a dog is running toward you. While most of the time, the dog stops short or sniffs you gently and waits for a pat on the head, how does a student know the dog will be friendly?

We have been taught since elementary school that we shouldn't approach strange dogs (just like we shouldn't talk to strangers) because we have no way of knowing that the dogs won't attack. Some people on this campus are even afraid of dogs, and rightfully so. Not all are nice dogs.

Proof of this came two years ago, when a Westminster student who was running on the road past Eichenauer was chased and attacked by two dogs. She did nothing to provoke the dogs, she was simply enjoying her daily jog. The dogs were not wild, they were domesticated, but running loose. While the owners did not have the dogs put to sleep, they did pay the student's hospital bill.

These dogs are obviously not characteristic of all that visit campus, and as stated before are actually the exception, but how is a student supposed to know?

This is not to say that all people who walk their dogs around campus let them run free. Many people keep them on leashes—some on tight leashes and some on the retractable kind that give the dogs a little more freedom. Some even stop and make them sit while waiting for a student to pass. These people are going out of their way to ensure that their dogs will not harm students.

We have been taught since elementary school that we shouldn't approach strange dogs (just like we shouldn't talk to strangers) because we have no way of knowing that the dogs won't attack.

A solution to this would be to develop an area where dogs are allowed to roam free. Maybe down by the lake where people would expect to see a dog running lose chasing a Frisbee or a tennis ball or fetching sticks from the water.

But while we offer the lake as a middleground, this will not always work. A student was walking around the lake during her fitness class when a dog came up to her and started playfully jumping on her. While this might not seem like an attack to most people, it was to her. She is extremely allergic to dogs and went back from class with a huge rash.

We do not in any way wish to discourage people from town to walk through our campus with their dogs. They are what make the campus and town come together and feel like a cozy, safe place to live. They also help students who miss pets at home feel a little less homesick. We simply ask that they respect the fact that not everyone is a dog lover.

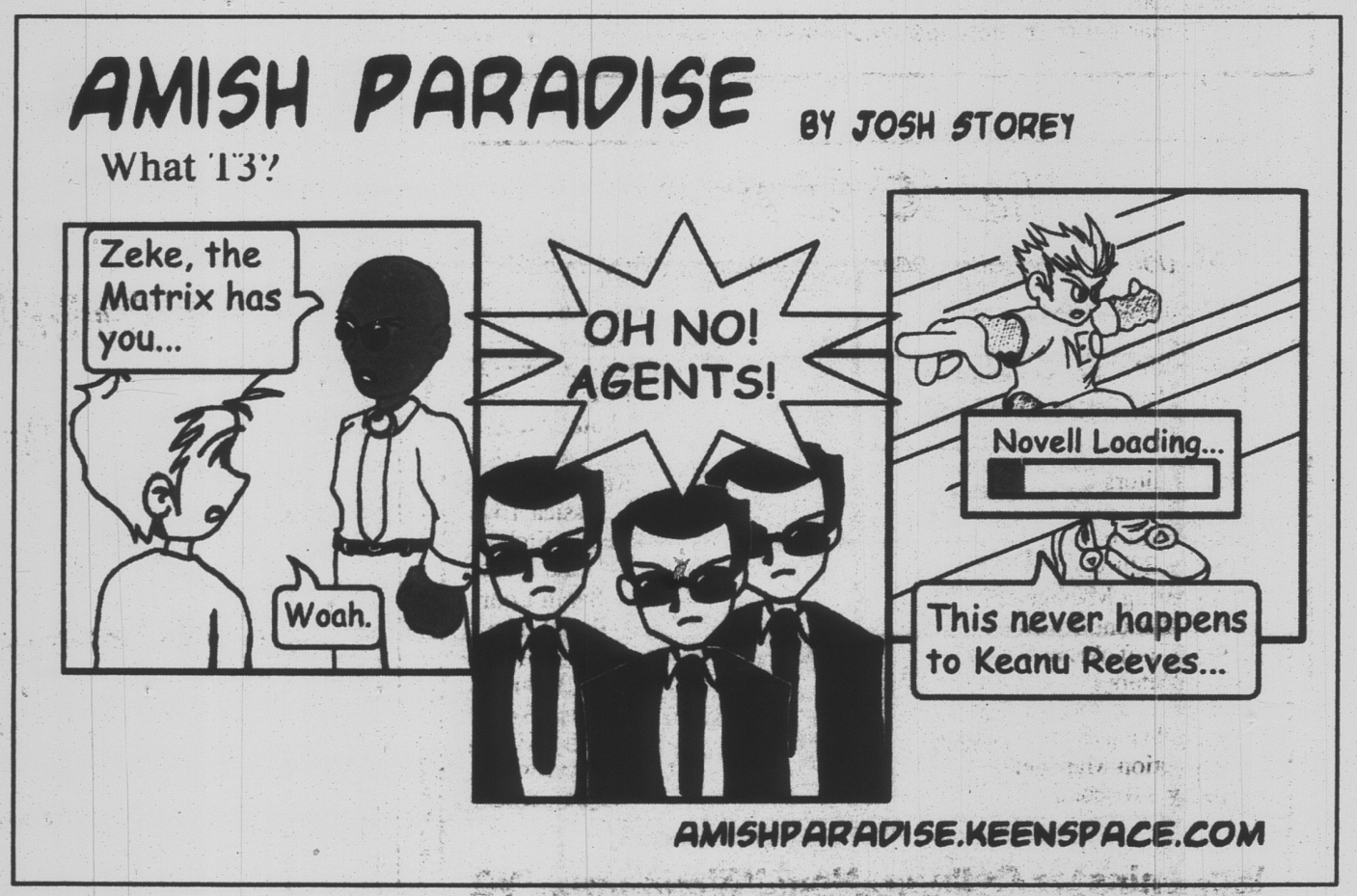
Students have to walk across the campus to get to class and dinner. It cannot be avoided. They shouldn't have to worry about dogs running lose or stepping in dog droppings on their way there.

We ask for the community's help in realizing this mutual respect. We welcome and respect the community's presence on this campus, it should respect our presense here as well.

We would not have our animals running wild through town (though sometimes on a weekend night we fill that void) and the people of the community would not like to have to pick up dog droppings of other dogs that have been left in their yards.

Mutual respect is the answer.

To the community of New Wilmington, we welcome you and your dogs with open arms, just remember to put your dogs on a leash. Stop to talk to the students. Let them get to know your dog if that's what you wish. A dog on a leash is much more approachable than a dog running wild.



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Body piercing: ancient ritual and rite of passage

By Pat Sisson
Daily Northwestern (Northwestern U.)

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. — Watching from my porch this week as mobs of freshmen criss-crossed the streets in search of parties, I felt relieved to be past that particular stage of my college life.

At Northwestern University, New Student Week is a sort of ritual, a boot camp for college social life. Watching, I wondered if rituals like this one are really worth it. Are they as important or life-changing as they seem at the time?

A visit to the Chicago Tattooing and Piercing Co. on West Belmont helped point me in the right direction.

Hank Bangcock, a sturdy man with a smile that stretched as far as his multi-gauged pierced ears, stood beside the rack of tattoo designs—a wall of modern hieroglyphics—the lobby of the shop. Wearing a black skullcap, dark beard and black shirt, he resembled a macabre but still warm and jolly Santa Claus. When he addressed a customer, he talked slowly and deliberately, taking the tone of an expert lecturer as he delivered instructions on taking care of the newly poked holes.

"I never give a piercing that I don't have myself," Bangcock said reassuringly.

He has a reverence for his craft. Bangcock feels that piercings change people, allow them to get past cultural taboos and, in effect, challenge conventional thinking. When Bangcock finishes with the needle, customers have solid evidence that a ritual has been completed, proof that they have entered a different stage of life.

"In any other age, we would be considered priests in a temple," Bangcock said. "I feel a kinship with guys in caves who were poking people with sticks."

Bangcock's mother always wanted him to be a priest—and he even studied religion at NU in the early 1990's—but his path led to this alternative priesthood. He left NU and eventually hooked up with a group of bikers who taught him how to be a piercer.

Hank discovered the finer points of piercing on a personal level. In all, Hank has 11 piercings on his body, including in his nipples, ears, tongue and earl (through his nose level to his eyes), and has all the appearance of one of the initiated. In fact, his demeanor, that of an outgoing, generous man, seems to fall right in line with his theory that people are freed from some of the constraints of society after being pierced.

After we talked about the pain he suffered during some of the more difficult piercings he underwent, he began to discuss how nearly a decade's worth of performing and undergoing piercings had changed his outlook on life.

"Do what you want in life," he said. "That's the path to true greatness."

Hank had found his ritual and it had set him free. It wasn't always pretty—at times it was downright ugly (try asking him about the time he pierced a man's uvula and got vomited on)—and I wouldn't want to walk too far in his shoes, but I can appreciate the value of the ritual.

The same can be said about New Student Week. I'm glad I'm not a freshman, but I can appreciate importance of the ritual.

Letter Policy

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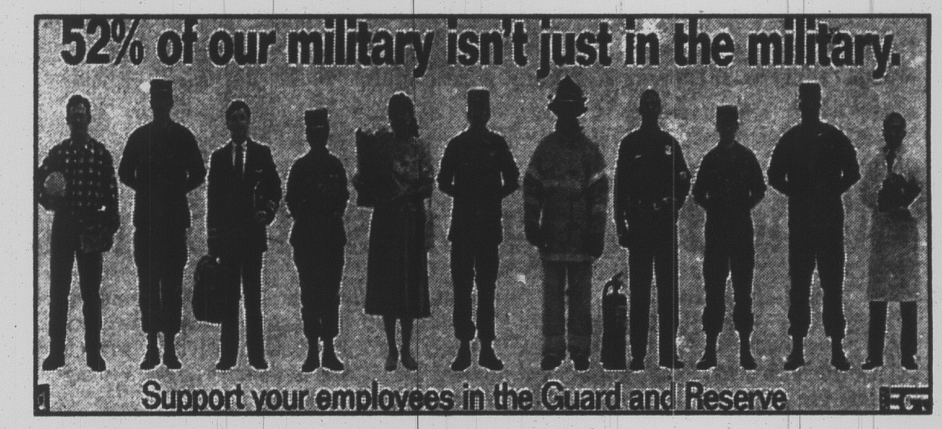

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Here's your chance to read and study those works and to visit the places dear to the hearts of J.R.R. TOLKIEN, C.S. LEWIS, VIRGINIA WOOLF, E.M. FORSTER, JANE AUSTEN and more.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Brad and Adriann go to the movies

The Glass House

...watch your back!

Brad Dell

After sulking in melancholy disappointment over the fact that no new movies were released in a 40 mile radius of New Wilmington this weekend, I settled on *The Glass House* - a two-week old thriller buried at the bottom of everyone's must-see list.

However, much to my snob-sensitive surprise, *The Glass House* shattered my unfair glass ceiling of expectation. The shard-crunching plot inches toward mind-splitting, suspenseful brilliance.

The story begins as a fatal car wreck orphans teenage Ruby (Leelee Sobieski) and her 12-year old brother Rhett (Trevor Morgan). With the loss of their parents, the children are left to the care of Mr. and Mrs. Glass - the children's former neighbors, who now live in a monstrous glass fortress on the edge of a Pacific coastline cliff. Although she initially believes the couple's benevolence, Ruby soon discovers their truly sinister motives. As Ruby frantically paws and scratches for a way to escape the bonds of her transparent enclosure, the film throws the audience against an unbreakable window - unrelentingly pushing until the audience cracks along with the glass in front of them.

All of the performances in this film were brilliantly adequate. None were bad and none were Oscar-worthy. This is a stock thriller film and these actors play their stock characters to perfection.

The film is driven by suspense...and the key to superb suspense is pacing. Like two snowflakes colliding with a few more to slowly create an avalanche, *The Glass House* begins as slow as cotton and ends as slick as ice.

The entire concept of the glass house is fascinating. As the children became more and more confined, this home became a cage, with the world beyond constantly visible and eternally appealing.

The names Ruby and Rhett are another reason we know these kids don't belong in this icey blue house. Ruby is obviously associated with red. And Rhett was the Clark Gable character in *Gone With the Wind* - a film that bleeds red in our memories. Director Daniel Sackheim's use of a blue filter on the camera throughout most of the film allowed him to effectively capture and maintain a very cold and glassy mood. Camera filters have greatly enhanced the tone of some of the most popular and critically acclaimed movies or our modern time, including *The Red Violin*, *Traffic* and *Titanic*. Though a novice film director, Sackheim is smart to utilize such a trusty cinematic device.

These little details add to the grandly suspenseful plot and create a super thriller nearing such greats as *Cape Fear* and *What Lies Beneath*.

Watching *The Glass House* allowed me to escape into such a perfectly black and white, evil vs. good utopian world that I found myself relishing in the demise of the evil characters. In fact, because it was such an exhilarating release, the climax of the film caused me to burst into laughter. And the entire audience laughed with me. I guess we'd all really like to just laugh in the face of evil. If only our world were as black and white as this tension-shattering tale.

I give *The Glass House* three and a half icey-blue, razor-edged glass stars. Watch yourself...you'll enjoy this slice.

Banned songs result of unnecessary hypersensitivity

By Jeffrey Eisenberg
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — What do the songs "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "What A Wonderful World," "Ticket to Ride" and "You Dropped A Bomb On Me" have in common?

According to Clear Channel Networks, a corporation that owns 1170 radio stations nationwide, these songs are among a list of 150 that are deemed insensitive to be played amid the recent tragedy. Clear Channel has recommended to its affiliates that they withhold these songs from their play lists indefinitely, further proving that this tragedy has made us sensitive to the point of neurosis.

Following these recommendations is voluntary, but few stations would think it good business practice to disregard its parent organization, its owner and its boss. This recommendation really is more binding than it seems because, if nothing else, Clear Channel probably would view failure to comply as crass and insensitive. The corporation's executives did after all circulate the lists because they don't want the corporation to be thought of in a negative light. If your boss thinks of you as both uncaring and insensitive, you hardly can expect additional help when it would be needed. In short, to ignore this suggestion could be costly.

The New York Times reports that compliance varies station-to-station, but the fact that a respectable number of these stations even comply partially with such a ridiculous request only proves the point that this "suggestion" is more than just that.

The request itself is unsound. The list was formed by circulating an e-mail among executives and employees at Clear Channel. They individually added songs to the list, which grew to a staggering 150.

Well-known upbeat songs were on the list, as were some songs that intimated the use of violence or songs that used the word "bomb." This hypersensitivity isn't really helpful, because just as surely as some songs may cause feelings of hurt in some, they can be therapeutic for others. No one looked into the songs' psychological effect. Rather, people who are unqualified to make that sort of judgement—radio executives who aren't known to have any special psychological training—assumed the songs to be harmful.

It makes no sense for the radio industry to become the curator of American psychological health. For one, industry members are not experts and what they do may end up having no capability to assuage pain. This is not a matter of national security. It is not a matter of physical health. It is about emotional and mental health, and this radio corporation oddly enough wants to put itself in the shrink business.

The list is entitled "Clear Channel's Songs of Questionable Content."

What does that mean? What about the Beatles is questionable? Do their songs give off the impression that they would have supported these acts? Clear Channel specifically singled out Rage Against the Machine and urged that none of its songs should make it to air. It did this despite the fact that Rage Against the Machine's members have forcefully condemned the attacks of Sept. 11 and insist that their music is a response to just the sort of intolerance that was underlying last Tuesday's attack on U.S. domestic targets.

This list unfairly indicts artists because it calls their content questionable. The list is not entitled, "Songs We May Not Want to Play in Our Current Context." That would be fine and would sound a lot more like a suggestion than a demand from the top down. But that's not what is said. The list points a finger at artists.

Naturally, some artists could lose consumers due to the fact that their songs will not be heard on some of the stations Clear Channel owns or influences. If some people take Clear Channel's accusations of questionable content seriously, these artists may lose out on album purchases that they otherwise would have secured. This list, despite Clear Channel's insistence that it is just a list of suggestions and compliance is voluntary, actually may end up hurting artists who are accused unjustly of having content that is in some way supportive of the evils this world recently witnessed.

It's fine to be alert. But to go overboard—to effectively and arbitrarily point the finger at some artists and to deny their otherwise artistically qualified talents display—is an insupportable injustice.

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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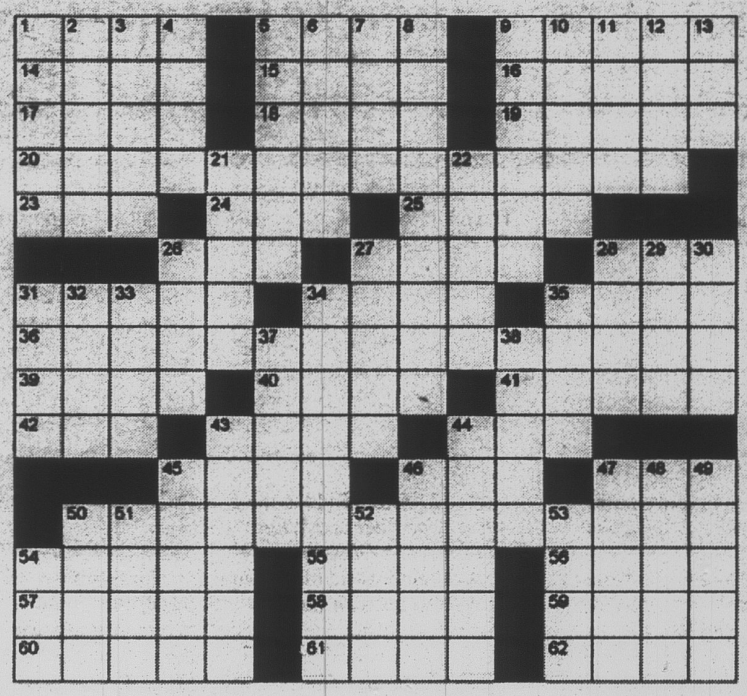

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5 Eighteen wheeler
9 Buffalo player
14 This spot
15 Blueprint
16 Complies
17 NYC street crossings
18 Goes with big or down
19 Korea's Syngman & family
20 "Pull _____":Go for broke
23 Date regularly
24 Tavern staple
25 Lion's den
26 Madison Ave. output
27 Veer sharply
28 DC reg. agency
31 Cincinnati Reds' Schott
34 Silo contents
35 Halo
36 "Go _____":Hem and haw
39 Follows half or post
40 Formerly:Archaic
41 Creek at times
42 Nincompoop
43 Follows family
44 Tint
45 Gangplank, e.g.
46 Bikini part
47 Legume
50 "Keep _____":Main tain continuity
54 Roulette table part
55 Long period of time:Var.
56 At any time
57 Bisect
58 Bridal selection
59 More or less
60 Young forest dweller
61 Just gets by
62 Eye infection

Down

1 Bedlam
2 Variety show
3 Sharp narrow ridge
4 Arizona city
5 Occult influences
6 Lift up
7 Hawkeye's assignment
8 Mental capacity
9 Armed attack
10 Hate
11 Pager sound
12 Certain whiskies
13 Comes before tee
21 Load with cargo
22 Riyadh resident
26 Chills and fever
27 Perceive
28 Stuffed
29 Follows shoe or coat
30 Actors in a play
31 Borders for pictures
32 Opera offering
33 Frolic
34 Hearth
35 Eczema
37 Skin:Prefix
38 Saudi Arabia moola
43 Pad of paper
44 Male bees
45 Actor Christopher
46 Insolvent
47 Fulcrum
48 Foe
49 Harmonize
50 Defrost
51 Satan's abode
52 Plumbing problem
53 Not as great
54 "Horton Hears A __"

Quotable Quote

Early to rise and early to bed makes a male healthy and wealthy and dead.

• *James Thurber*

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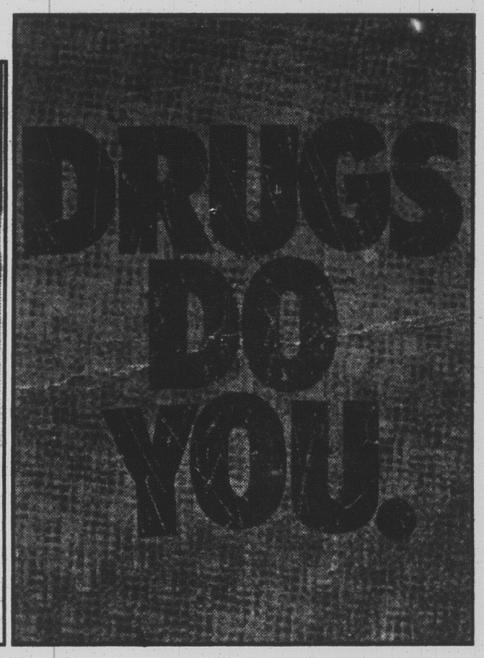


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
It's a great week to improve relationships, particularly within the family. This may be the opportune time to reach out to someone who looks up to you, possibly a child. Be alert to all money opportunities, postponing any major decisions for now.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You are looking and feeling your best, so use this positive energy to your advantage - get out and accomplish things. Communications with others go well - you are a mind-reader with all around you.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Make it a point of getting chores and errands out of the way earlier, because it looks like rest, relaxation and partying is in store for later. Be aware of the helpful insights surrounding you, rapid advancement at work may be a result of heeding suggestions.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Personal financial planning is favored. Your intuition is sharpened concerning money matters. You may run into an intense blow-out with a mate or lover—keep your cool, things will straighten out rather quickly. Spend some time by yourself.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
It will be a busy week for you. Hard work on your part will bring you closer to your career and personal goals. Be supportive of family members, someone is going through a tough time.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
You are eager to help out wherever needed, but avoid those who manipulate your actions. Be sure that your efforts go to a good cause. Enjoy a break from the routine for a couple days. Luck will find you with extra dollars you weren't expecting.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
You are ready to conquer any obstacles this week. It may not be a bad idea to spend some time alone, because your criticisms of others may get you in deep water.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
This week finds you in tune with your lover or mate, which makes for great fun and accomplishments for the next several days. It looks quite favorable for you to move closer to your goals.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
You need to get away from your hectic routine to be alone with your thoughts. Be confident of success in business dealings. Avoid any unpleasant financial surprises by going over matters to clear up any discrepancies.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
A friend challenges you to break out of your shell and promote yourself for advancement. Maybe it's time- trust yourself and you'll be happier in the long run. A great career opportunity presents itself, and you'll move ahead without upsetting anyone.

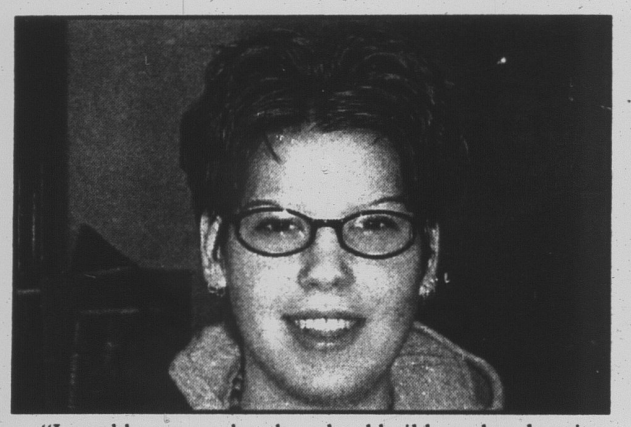
AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
It's hard to avoid confrontations. Someone you have recently befriended may turn on you. It'll be better to remain silent than be drawn into unnecessary arguments. Travel is favored for the next several weeks.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Career advancement seems effortless, so pursue your most cherished goal. Co-workers will welcome your great ideas. It may be a good idea to spend a little bit of time on your own, getting back in touch with yourself.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:
You usually prefer to follow the logical path rather than trusting your intuition. Whether you admit it or not, you have experienced intense psychic moments, which may make you a bit uneasy.

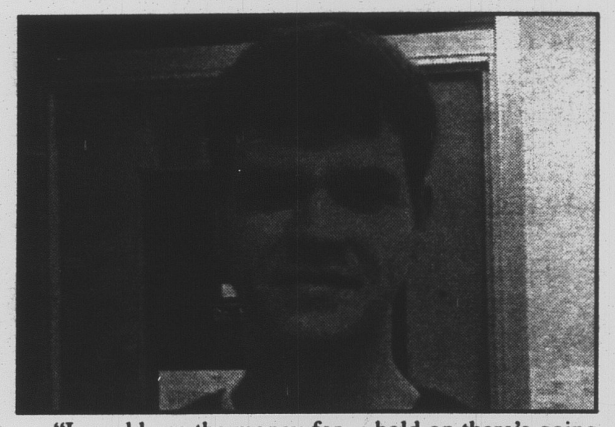
FEATURE

Question of the week: If you were allocated $100,000 to better the campus, how would you want to use the money?



"I would propose that the school build another dormitory that had apartments in it rather than dorm rooms." – **Melissa Toy, sophomore**

"I would allocate money for party funds and build a bar right on the outskirts of New Wilmington – Cooper's Pub." – **Melissa Cooper, senior**



"I would use the money for… hold on there's going to be a list – New carpet in Eich, air conditioning in the music department, an expansion of the cafeteria and then the rest would be used to subsidize the cost of books." – **Sean Taylor, sophomore**

"I would have to give that money to the firefighters in New York as a donation, but as for the school, I would give it to children who couldn't afford college educations." – **Debbie White, Mail Room**

"I would give it to the library and the history department because the history department doesn't have enough money and the library needs more books." – **Brad Linn, senior**

"I'd give it all to the broadcasting department because we are, at the moment, working with one microphone in the television station. We could use some more modern equipment." – **Matt Deegan, senior**

"I'd put it towards our athletic departments – a new stadium, or we could fix up the campus surroundings and make more places for students to assemble, like the TUB." – **Danielle White, sophomore**

"Speed up the construction process." – **Matt Nelson, sophomore**

Lani Nuss spends Saturday evening on the Happy Bus

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

It is quite difficult to find one thing on campus that everyone agrees with. Fortunately, there is common ground – everyone respects the Happy Bus. For those of you who may not know what the Happy Bus is, it is the large white or blue van that transports students from dormitory to fraternity house and back again on the weekends.

I decided it would be interesting to spend a few hours of my Saturday night riding around on the Happy Bus to determine why this oversized Dodge Ram is so "happy." Seeing that Saturday was "Jungle party" night, I could think of no better time to experience the joys of the Happy Bus.

So, with few expectations and a notebook, my roommate and I boarded the Happy Bus at 12:16 a.m. The driver was receptive to our venture, and gladly accepted our company.

At first, there were few partakers of the Happy Bus, but eventually things became interesting. Shortly after boarding, we picked up a few people. Their primary goal was to convince the driver to take them to Subway – "I just want my Subway." After a few persuasive minutes, the driver convinced these riders that they should go home. Subway was soon forgotten and talk of pajamas and sleep seemed to become much more important.

12:32 a.m.

The Happy Bus picked approximately eight people up at another fraternity house. I explained my situation and asked for Happy Bus stories. One rider told of the violent side of the Happy Bus. A few weeks ago, a fight broke out over someone's mother. People leapt over seats to "wail on" the provokers. Eventually a reconciliation was reached, and all was "happy" again. These participatory riders were taken back to their homes to sleep off their night.

12:39 a.m.

Another pick-up of people yielded the "mother load" for our night – approximately 18-20 people. My roommate kept her ears open as I tried to jot down interesting stories. A rider became irritated with *The Holcad's* presence on the bus. We decided to shut our mouths, quit asking questions and simply observe. After all, we had already learned that fights were not new to the "happy" bus. These anti-*Holcad* riders were eventually taken to their destination, but we still had many people on the bus to deliver.

There were several people who found it easy to sleep on the Happy Bus, and others who were more than willing to talk to us. One student told of his/her alcoholic intake for the evening, another was trying to impress us with his/her beer shirt.

1:15 a.m.

Another load yielded some other interesting stories. PDAs are obviously commonplace on the Happy Bus. Another person told of the mingling with police while on the Happy Bus. This was all among shouts to various fraternity houses and dormitories. Apparently, whatever your destination, it is essential to yell it out as loudly as possible when on the Happy Bus. Others were unsure of their destinations, as one person kept shouting, "Tell me where I'm going…I don't know where I'm going." Oddly, at this point, Corey Hart's "I Wear My Sunglasses at Night" came on the radio. How appropriate.

Photo by Andrea Majot

Vans like this one are used to transport students to and from fraternity parties on the weekend.

1:21 a.m.

The most amusing story of our exploits unfolded around this time. Someone was convinced his/her hair was on fire. The driver explained that the strange smell was the defrost mechanism on the bus. The rider, however, was sure his/her hair "was going up in flames." This person was soon quieted when someone shouted a wish to go to the grocery store. We sadly did not go to the grocery store, and most of the riders were content with going to sleep, one passenger commenting that it was indeed, "sleepy time" (after missing his/her seat and falling into the window).

My roommate and I heard many tales this evening, some too explicit for *The Holcad*. So around 1:30 we were taken back to our dorm. It was "sleepy time" for us as well. Is the "Happy Bus" as happy as its name implies? It was for many people on Saturday night, maybe with the exception of the person whose hair was on fire.

Student Government Association makes plans for the year

SGA has made several attempts to create more study space for students this year. Last year before renovations began, suggestions were taken and as a result, Orr Mezzanine is being used as a study area. Professors and administrators will be asked for further suggestions for the best study areas.

As Veterans Day approaches, the college will be working closely with New Wilmington schools to plan an event. The event will take place on Nov. 12 on campus.

SGA is in contact with several bands to perform during Mardi Gras in February. Red Wanting Blue, OAR and Nickelback have been contacted, but SGA is still open for suggestions.

The food advisory committee met on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Hummus will be back in the sandwich bar if there is interest. Gatorade and turkey burgers are possible new additions to the cafeteria. Chicken fingers may also be added to the TUB Grille. Small block plans for off-campus and fraternity students are also being researched. The Food Advisory Committee will meet again on Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the cafeteria.

The Homecoming Pep Rally will be held on Oct. 12. The three professors chosen for "Pie in the Face" are Tom Rosengarth, R. Tad Greig and Carolyn Cuff. SGA Senators will be collecting money for the September 11th Fund in the name of these professors. The two who raise the most money will have pies thrown in their faces. SGA will also be raffling off the chance to be the person to throw the pie.

The Student Life and Athletic Council met this week. As a result of the meeting, the American Choral Directors Association, Ice Hockey Club and the Student Westminster Admissions Team are now being recognized by the college as organizations.

It has been brought to the attention of SGA that the campus community would benefit from a walkway around the lake. The idea has been discussed at several meetings and SGA President Lindsey Braem has a meeting on Oct. 2 with Owen Wagner to further research the possibility.

Residents of Galbreath Hall will have the opportunity to express concerns or ask questions in Galbreath lobby on Wednesday, Oct. 3 starting at 5:30 p.m.

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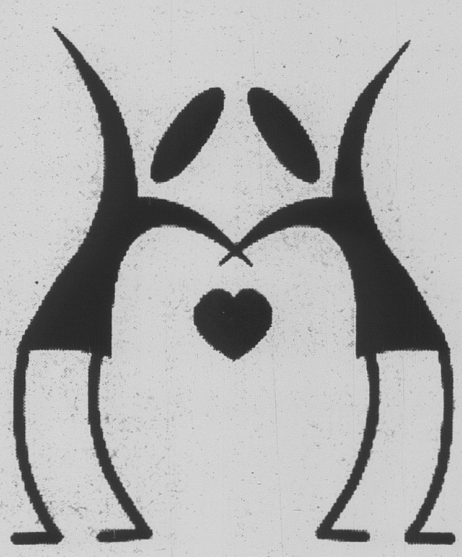

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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KRISTIN needs a ride to Edinboro University on weekends. Call EXT. x6432.

SHENANGO COMMUNITY LIBRARY is having a book sale Oct. 4, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Oct. 5& 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Oct. 7 from 1-4 p.m.

THE WESTMINSTER COLLEGE CAMPUS CLUB will sponsor a fall luncheon Oct. 9 at Noon at the Oak Tree Country Club. The cost is $12.25, and checks should be made out to the Campus Club and sent to campus box 19. Featured speaker Sandy Lord of Mercer, will talk about her watercolor paintings, designed with verses, called "Heartstrings." For more information, contact Martha Mossberger at (724) 946-3327.

MORTAR BOARD, Westminster College's Senior Honorary Society, is requesting your help. We are collecting books for the New Castle City Rescue Mission and Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills box tops for a local school. Keep your eyes open for donation boxes and envelopes in the Residence Halls. This is a year-long campaign and we thank you for your generosity. For more information please email our President Carrie Mathers at mathercl@westminster.edu

THE AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION is seeking recognition from the college. ACDA has as their purposes the following: to provide an incentive for students to become more committed to the art of choral conducting; to provide learning opportunities outside the classroom; and to provide an expansion of knowledge and understanding of the benefits of choral music and study through service to members, the profession and to the college.

THE ICE HOCKEY CLUB is seeking approval as a student organization. The purpose of the club is to further develop the skills of the game and to promote the ideas of sportsmanship among the college community.

THE STUDENT WESTMINSTER ADMISSIONS TEAM is seeking recognition as a student organization. The purpose of SWAT is to open communications between prospective students and WC students.

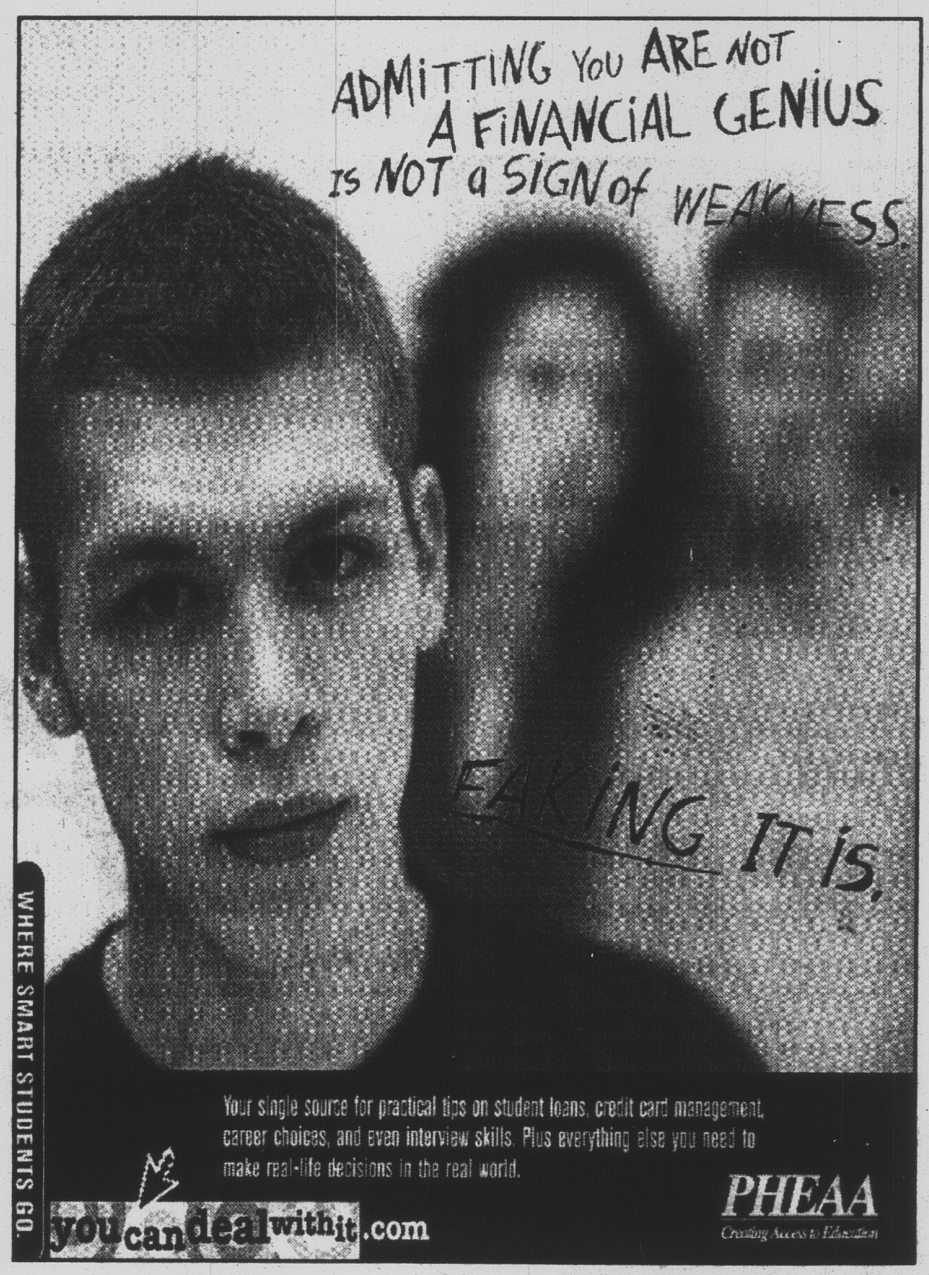
OBJECTIONS to any of the new organizations should be directed to Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs by Oct. 11, 2001

FOR SALE

SHARP MICROWAVE for sale. This black, brand new 1.4 cu. ft. oven is still in the box. For more information leave a message for Professor Cox at EXT. x7266.

Attention loyal *Holcad* Readers!

The Holcad will not be published next week. The staff would like to take this chance to wish you all a safe and restful Fall Break.



Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 28
LAWRENCE COUNTY COLLEGE DAY
Volleyball @ Ohio Wesleyan Invitational
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4:30 - 8:30 p.m. Concert Choir's Music and
Meatballs Dinner - New Wilmington
Presbyterian Church Social Hall
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Quad-a-Thon (annual event to raise awareness of homelessness)
– Chapel and Campus Quadrangle
10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. JT's Café – Down Under

SATURDAY 29
FAMILY DAY
Sigma Phi Epsilon Work Day
Volleyball @ Ohio Wesleyan Invitational
Men's and Women's Cross Country at Dickinson Invitational
9:30 a.m. Family Day Breakfast with President Williamson – Russell Dining Room
11:00 a.m. Family Day Barbeque – Anderson Amphitheater
11:00 a.m. Men's Soccer vs. Washington & Jefferson (H)
1:00 p.m. Football vs. Washington & Jefferson (H)
2:00 p.m. Women's Soccer @ Waynesburg
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Jack Jones – Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Newman Club Ice Cream Social – Old Main Tower Room
Kappa Delta Father-Daughter Day
Quadathon

SUNDAY 30
3:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Allegheny (H)
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers – Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting – House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting – HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie – Down Under

MONDAY 1
11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Bethany (H)
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting – Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting – HSC
8:00 p.m. Off-Campus Information Meeting
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Initiation – Chapel
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting – PH 114

TUESDAY 2
Career Center Education Seminar
3:00 p.m. Women's Tennis @ Washington & Jefferson
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Volleyball @ Grove City
6:30 p.m. Head Start Orientation – Ferguson Hall Lobby
7:00 p.m. Orchestra - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Foreign Film Festival: Pele the Conqueror – Down Under
9:00 p.m. RACT Meeting - PH 112/113
9:45 p.m. Mortar Board Meeting - PH 231

WEDNESDAY 3
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Sam Farmerie, "What Happened to the Mummy?" -- HSC 166
5:00 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Waynesburg
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship -- Down Under

THURSDAY 4
JEANS DAY
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship Applications Due
9:30 a.m. CCO Staff Meeting -- Down Under
10:30 a.m. 12:30 pm Study Abroad Informational Table -- TUB Grille
3:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Bethany (H)
4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer @ Thiel
6:00 p.m. Jeans Day Readings and Reflections -- Down Under
6:30 p.m. Volleyball @ Thiel
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice -- Chapel
9:00 p.m. Star Gazing -- Meet in Hoyt Science Center Lobby (weather permitting)

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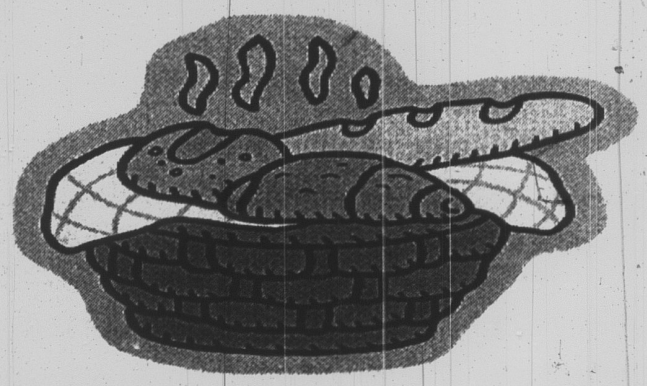

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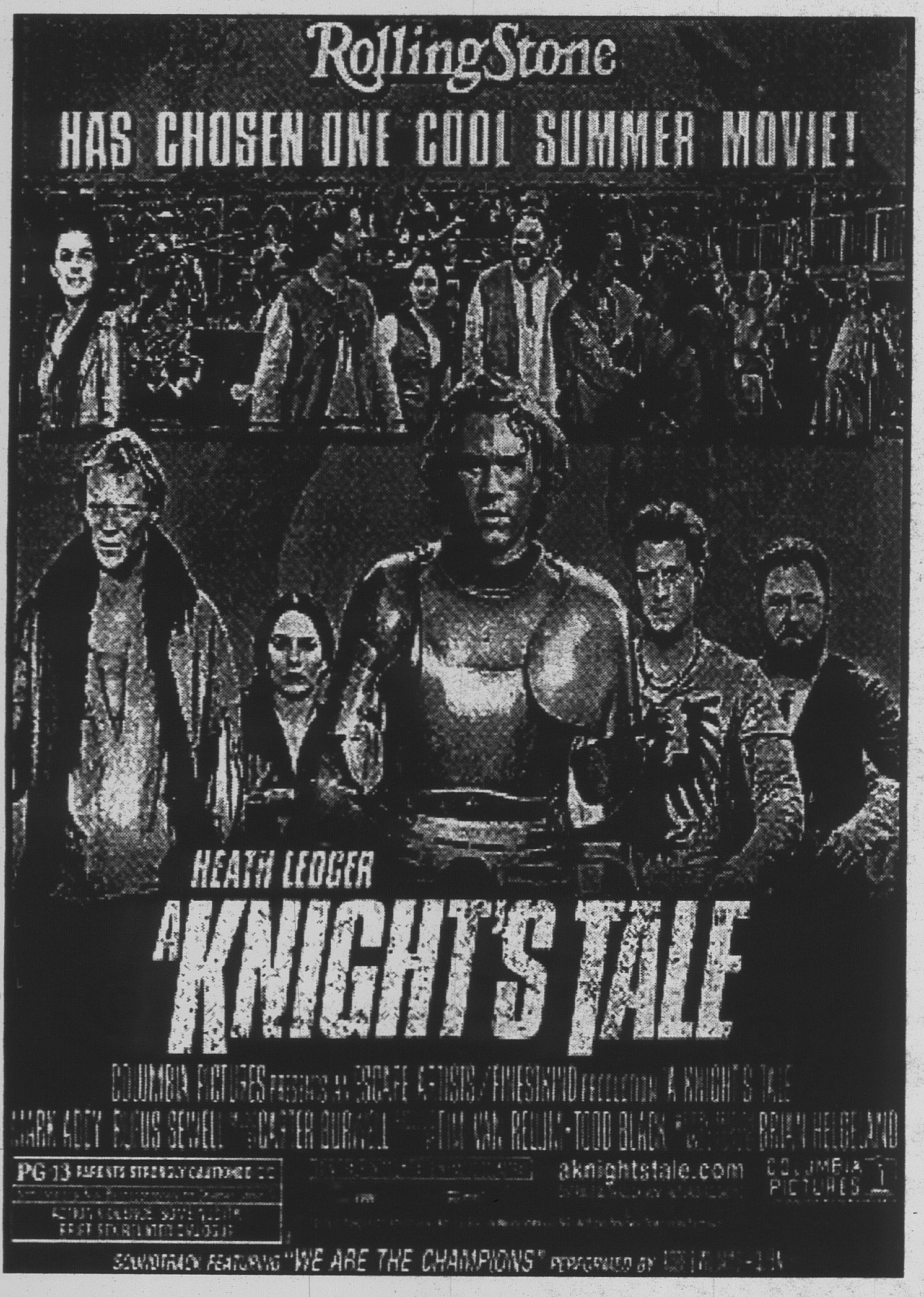

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Alumni to speak at Homecoming

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

Homecoming weekend is a great time to remember some of the more distinguished graduates of the college.

Alumni will give lectures regarding their success in their professions. These lectures have been coordinated by the hosting academic department and will take place on Friday, Oct. 12.

Each year, selected academic departments invite alumni to come and speak to those interested during the Homecoming weekend.

"The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for students to connect with alumni who have graduated within the same major," stated Mary James, director of Alumni Relations.

Stephen R. Gittings, a 1979 graduate, who is now science coordinator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will be hosted by the biology department.

Peter Andino, a 1977 graduate, will be hosted by the math and computer science department. Andino is now the vice president of Global Sales Operations for IBM Printing Systems of IBM Americas.

David R. King, a 1991 graduate, who is now the vice president/ chief technology officer of infiNet Solutions will be speaking. King is being hosted by the physics department.

"Alumni may share their insights into their professional field, how their Westminster experience has helped them progress, how students may prepare for a given profession, or other topics of interest," James stated.

The Westminster College Alumni Association also recognizes those who have achieved significant accomplishments in his or her career. This is done through the annual presentation of the Westminster College Alumni Citations.

"These contributions and accomplishments may be visible and high profile, or behind the scenes efforts that are less apparent," James stated.

Three people will be recognized this year for their outstanding achievements: James W. Canan,'51, Joanne Stone Morrissey, '69 and Paul D. Trokan,'68. An outstanding young alumni award will be given to Matthew T. Mangino, a 1985 graduate.

Canan graduated with a bachelor's in journalism. He has since won national writing awards for his work at places like McGraw Hill magazines and *Business Weekend*. He also received an international award from the British Aeronautical Society.

Morrissey graduated with a bachelor's in education and continued her studies at Case Western Reserve University and Drew University. She taught in Europe and the United States and is currently an adjunct professor at Kean University. Recently Morrissey started The Vita Fund, which benefits the families involved in the disaster on Sept.11.

Trokan earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and continued his education at Lehigh University. He is an engineer in the Tissue/Towel Global Business of Procter and Gamble and has been named inventor on 133 U.S. patents.

Mangino, who graduated with a bachelor's in political science, is now the district attorney for Lawrence County, Pa. Mangino received his LLD/JD from Duquesne University. He has also been published in various legal periodicals.

Vandals steal parking signs

By Ian Brown
STAFF WRITER

Four campus signs are reported missing. Two of the signs still missing were from the admissions building and one was from Old 77.

There is no information on who may have taken them. The three sign posts from Old 77 and the one from admissions have been recovered.

Two posts were returned from Russell and another from a fraternity house. A fourth post was also recovered but campus officials are unsure of where it was originally placed.

The signs, all custom-made, cost about $150 each.

The directional signs to help students find their way around the construction have also been vandalized. Arrow signs that gave the mileage to Cleveland, Pittsburgh and New York were taken.

"Peer pressure is a large part of this," said John Lechner, assistant dean of student affairs. "But peer pressure could also be used to prevent things like this

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Photo by Joseph Gill

The post from which a sign was taken.

Candidates for royalty selected

By Elizabeth Adams and Jon McKay
STAFF WRITERS

The 2001 Homecoming candidates were announced on Thursday, Oct. 5. The 12 men and women selected represent the fraternities and sororities on campus, as well as independent students. The king and queen will be announced during halftime of Saturday's Homecoming football game against Thiel beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The candidates for queen include: Megan Clark of Alpha Gamma Delta, Courtney Henry representing independent women, Molly Householder of Sigma Kappa, Jerilyn Matejka of Zeta Tau Alpha, Christina Waszczak of Kappa Delta and Coral Zeigler of Phi Mu.

Candidates for Homecoming king include: David Blazek of Sigma Nu, Marshall

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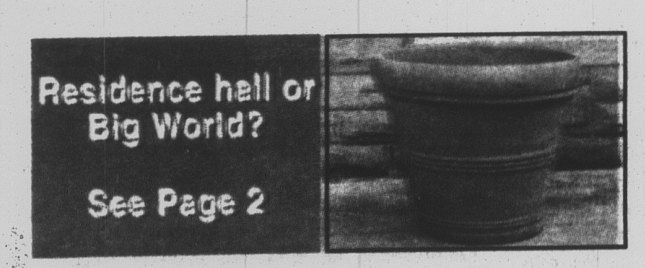

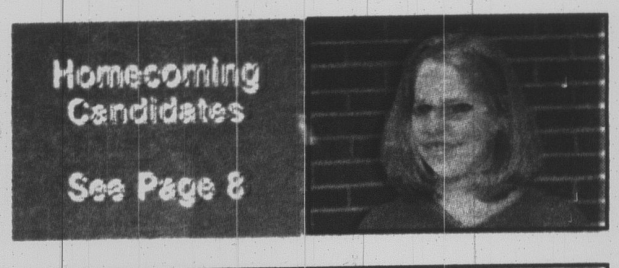

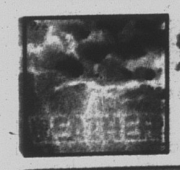

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Saturday: Scat. storms high 71° low 50°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Islamic speaker addresses campus

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

To help the campus community better understand the conflict in the Middle East and the Islamic religion, Dr. Ahmad Abul-Ela lectured and fielded questions on the subjects. This lecture on Thursday, Sept. 27, was part of the Peace Studies Coffee House Series.

Abul-Ela lectured in Ferguson lobby at 4:30 p.m. in front of a crowd of about 70 students and faculty.

Dr. Andrea Grove opened the event by introducing the speaker. Abul-Ela, a surgeon, has lived in New Castle for 27 years with his wife, Donna, who was also present.

Abul-Ela started his lecture with a brief overview of Islam, and then transitioned into the events of Sept. 11. "Islam is a religion of God with over one billion followers worldwide," he said. "And all religions of God want peace for the world. Islam is no exception."

He continued to discuss the attack on America as it related, or did not relate, to the religion of Islam. "Those actions had nothing to do with Islam. They had to do with vengeance and hatred," he said.

He discussed a report that indicated one of the hijackers was drunk in a bar the night before the attacks, although Islam strictly forbids the consumption of alcohol. "It is impossible to be considered a Muslim if you are a terrorist," Abul-Ela said.

Abul-Ela also discussed the role America's Middle East policy may have played. "We as Americans tend to look at ourselves as greater than others," he said. "That can create hatred from other countries. These attacks were political, not religious." He continued, "Our policy in the Middle East has not been perfect, but that in no way justifies these attacks."

Following his lecture, Abul-Ela answered several questions from faculty and students. The first question concerned the treatment of Muslims in America since the attacks. Abul-Ela stated that he had not experienced any type of persecution in New Castle. "We've actually had quite a bit of support. It started with the president, who spoke about Islam, and worked on down," he said.

Abul-Ela pointed out that this treatment was a "complete contrast" to the type of treatment Muslims received in America after the Oklahoma City federal building was bombed in 1995. Although Timothy McVeigh was tried, convicted and ultimately executed as a result of his role in the bombing, preliminary media reports shortly after the bombing placed the blame on "Muslim terrorists."

"First off, the term 'Muslim terrorist' is an oxymoron," said Abul-Ela. "You can't be a Muslim if you are a terrorist and vice versa." He added, "The media is acting more sensibly this time, and that is helping. Before, when they said 'Muslim terrorists,' that made the public associate the two."

When asked about the role of other countries in the conflict, Abul-Ela looked for a positive side of the situation. "If anything good can come out of this tragedy, it is that we will find out which countries dislike us, and why" he said. "We are not the masters of the world."

Concert Choir raises money for Jan. tour

By Seth Bontrager
STAFF WRITER

The first "Music and Meatballs" fundraising dinner for the Concert Choir was held Friday. Sept. 28. This event helped raise money for the January choir tour to southern California.

The dinner took place at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, located across the street from the chapel. A spaghetti dinner was served to the tunes of a variety of performers, including the Chamber Singers, a Men's Ensemble from the Concert Choir, the Barbershop Quartet, and a number of soloists performing musical theater, opera and popular music.

"It's really nice to be able to show off the individual talents we have in this group in this fund-raising activity," said Concert Choir Director, Dr. Robin Lind.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m., there were four different programs people could choose from. The charge was $10 for the community and $6 for students.

Last semester, the Concert Choir decided to organize this fundraising activity to help finance their annual trip. The students organized the food, publicity, entertainment and decorations. The choir planned to accomodate 120 guests at each performance.

In January, the choir plans to tour parts of southern California which include Los Angeles, San Diego and Santa Barbara.

Anyone interested in seeing the Concert Choir perform may see them Sunday, Nov. 18 in the chapel.

Changes to Galbreath exterior generate campus controversy; how big is too big?

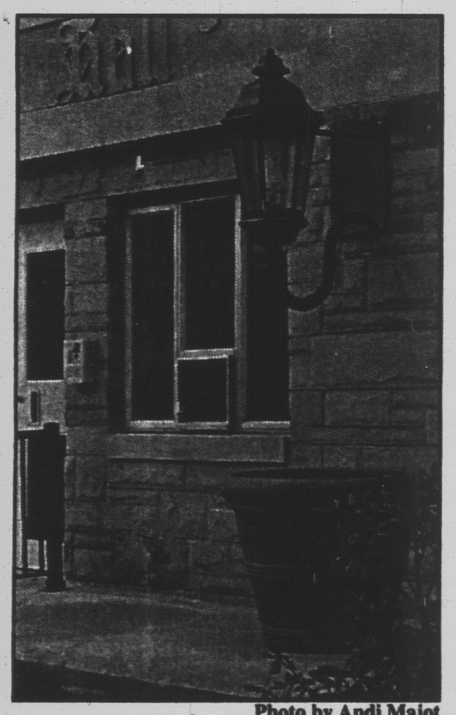

Photo by Andi Majot

The oversized fixtures outside Galbreath have the campus talking.

By Libby Mucciarone
STAFF WRITER

Galbreath has seen some huge changes to the front entrance in recent weeks.

With the addition of two sconces, two railings and two flowerpots, Galbreath has improved its lighting and has generated some conversation. The changes, however, are not yet complete.

In response to a request from Student Affairs, the Physical Plant added the railings to improve accessibility. According to Physical Plant Director Owen Wagner, the front entrance should change more, as the college looks to improve the handicap accessibility to Galbreath.

After making the recent improvements, Physical Plant recognized that it needed to change the entrance more. According to Wagner, the two options are to build a ramp or to raise the whole front entrance.

The college is now pricing automated doors to the vestibule of the hall's front lounge, as well as an automated rear door to the dining facilities in Galbreath. These additions are pending approval.

While the railings are useful, the lights are thought by many students to be out of place.

"We're at a gothic style college," sophomore Pamela Sloan said. "There's no need for Central Park lights."

The lights were not a recent purchase, but rather part of the college's inventory, according to Wagner. "When you step back, they fit in," Wagner said.

Also among the oversized fixtures are the new empty flowerpots. The planters were an opportunity for aesthetic improvement outside Galbreath. "The planters will add color in the front," Wagner said.

Students feel differently about these flowerpots. "My name ain't Alice, and I sure ain't in Wonderland," Sloan said.

Sophomore Elizabeth Wallace said, "I feel like an ant at the Mad Hatter's tea party."

While the new fixtures may seem out of place, the suggestions for improved lighting and requests for dressing up the front entrance of Galbreath came from within the campus community. Using the resources in inventory, the Physical Plant worked to improve Galbreath's front entrance.

What we see today is not the final productt. According to Wagner, the campus should expect to see new benches and ashtrays in the coming months, if plans are approved.

Damage fees used for repairs

By Nikki Voit
STAFF WRITER

Students often wonder if they will be charged for small room damages such as nail holes in the walls. Other damages such as chipped paint, broken drawers and cracked lights might get a little more attention from RAs and Student Affairs. Damage may be an accident, but students are still responsible for the condition of their rooms.

The Business Office is responsible for handling the money recovered for damages. According to Business Office employee Pat Graney, all the money collected is used for repairs, and there is never any money left over.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Molly Burnett, says that most students accept their charges, and do not try to get out of them. Bill adjustments do not occur often. "They don't send up many changes to us," Graney said.

Most of the charges are relatively small and, in most instances, around $10. There are instances where a piece of furniture, like a desk chair, might need to be replaced and can cost $125. The Physical Plant is in charge of determining the damage cost, but most damages have a preset price.

Burnett feels that the damage costs are fair. "I have worked for schools that have added damage premiums to charges that inflated the cost of the repair," Burnett said.

"The cost has to be covered somehow, and it makes sense to charge those who are directly responsible for causing the damage," Burnett said. She said this is a good way to avoid passing costs along to students who are trying to take care of their rooms.

During room checkouts, it is easy for an RA to miss small damages. If room checkouts were more complete, certain charges could be avoided. This was the case for senior Laura Julian. She had double sided tape on her wall that she forgot about and it was overlooked in the initial room checkout. Had she been told about it at the time, she could have removed it. "I wish the checkout would have been more thorough so I could have saved myself $25," Julian stated.

Student affairs intends for the charges to encourage students to take care of their rooms. It is the students' responsibility to notify their RAs and the Physical Plant if something in the room is damaged throughout the year or if they notice something that was missed. This will avoid questions about the damage during checkout.

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from happening."

Other than the cost of replacing the signs, Lechner says the problem is an inconvenience to students and visitors. Lechner says that the signs will probably be found in residence halls.

In previous years, signs have been taken from parking areas and even the illuminated campus maps have been punched or have had rocks thrown through them.

"This is a matter of integrity," Lechner said. "The campus community only becomes what you're willing to tolerate."

CONFLICT UPDATES

Second wave of U.S. airstrikes targets areas around capital

KABUL, Afghanistan-After a second night of air attacks, a lone jet woke up Kabul early Tuesday with a single bomb dropped near the airport. A missile streaked into the eastern edge of the capital minutes later.

The fresh assault at 4:50 a.m. rattled windows in the capital, ending a quiet few hours after the second wave of U.S. strikes Monday night.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

Taliban anti-aircraft guns responded again Tuesday as they had during Monday's raid when at least three bombs exploded-one each in the eastern, western and northern sections of the city.

Doctors at Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital said four people were killed on Monday night when three bombs were dropped on the capital from a high-flying jet.

A high-flying plane was seen dropping flares before the detonations.

Targets in Monday's raids included areas around the capital, the Taliban's home base of Kandahar, and Afghanistan's north, where an opposition northern alliance is battling the Taliban, the Islamic movement that controls nearly all of Afghanistan.

The military campaign is aimed at punishing the Taliban for harboring Osama bin Laden, the man accused of plotting the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington that left more than 5,500 people dead or missing.

The Afghan Islamic Press agency in Islamabad, Pakistan, said the airport in Kabul and a hill where a TV transmission tower is located were both targets.

The agency, which has close ties to the Taliban, said one bomb landed near a 400-bed women's hospital in Kabul but made no mention of any damage. The reports could not be independently confirmed because a curfew is in effect in the Afghan capital.

Lights went out in Kabul soon after the attack began, and Taliban radio ordered people to close their blinds, shut off lights and stay indoors.

Taliban positions around the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif were also under attack Monday, the Afghan press agency reported. Ashraf Nadim, a spokesman for the opposition northern alliance, said by telephone that his forces were tipped off by the United States a half hour before Monday's attacks.

Nadim, speaking from Samangan province, about 30 miles from Mazar-e-Sharif, said U.S. aircraft and missiles were launched against Taliban positions there.

The Afghan press agency said the northern alliance launched a major attack Monday evening on the Taliban position near Dara-e-Suf, in northern Samangan.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld suggested there was much left to do after the first night's aerial assault. "We believe we've made progress toward eliminating the air defense sites," he said. "We believe we've made an impact on military airfields...We cannot yet state with certainty we have destroyed" dozens of command and control and other military targets," he said.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the fresh bombardment Monday night was accompanied by a renewed airdrop of humanitarian assistance.

Five long-range bombers-a pair of B-2 stealth bombers flying from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., and three B-1B's from the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia-joined 10 strike planes launched from aircraft carriers in the Arabian Sea. They targeted air defense and other military targets across Afghanistan.

Two U.S. Navy ships, the destroyers USS John Paul Jones and USS McFaul, and one submarine launched a total of 15 Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Britain, which participated in the first wave of assaults on Sunday, did not take part in Monday's follow-up, Prime Minister Tony Blair said from London.

Before Monday's attacks began, President Bush vowed to be "relentless" in fighting terrorism "on all fronts."

In an indication the United States might want to some day expand the military operation, Washington formally notified the U.N. Security Council on Monday that counter terrorism attacks may be extended beyond Afghanistan.

The first night of strikes Sunday targeted Kabul, Kandahar, Mazar-e-Sharif and Jalalabad, a city along the Pakistani border. The compound of Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar in Kandahar, as well as training bases of bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network, were also hit.

Taliban radio on Monday derided the previous night's strikes as a failure. "The American bombardment and rocket attacks didn't hit their targets," it said.

Shortly after the first attacks Sunday, bin Laden vowed in an apparently pre-taped message that America will "never dream of security." He praised God for the Sept. 11 attacks and said the United States "was hit by God in one of its softest spots."

Taliban officials said both he and Omar survived the first night's assault. There was no word from the Taliban on Monday's second strike.

Before the night assault Monday, the Taliban released a British journalist and handed her over to Pakistani authorities, border officials said. Yvonne Ridley, a reporter for a London tabloid, had been arrested in Afghanistan 10 days earlier, after all foreigners were ordered out of the country. The militia is still holding eight foreign aid workers-including two Americans-convicted of trying to convert Muslims to Christianity.

Washington called the air strikes that began Sunday night a success, saying military installations and terrorist training camps were prime targets.

Meanwhile, neighboring Pakistan on Monday carried out its second government reshuffle in as many days, replacing its secret service chief, who had failed to convince the Taliban to hand over bin Laden.

Most of Pakistan was calm before Monday's new assault, but fierce protests broke out in a pair of border cities where pro-Taliban sentiment runs high. One person was reported killed and more than two dozen hurt in unrest in the southwest Pakistani city of Quetta.

Mobs stoned the Quetta office of the U.N. refugee agency and torched the U.N. children's agency office in the same compound, but no staffers were hurt. Pakistan's government, which supports the mission against the Taliban, expressed regret over the destruction and said security around U.N. installations would be tightened.

Pakistani authorities also closed six civilian airports, including Quetta's, citing security threats.

Across the Mideast, there was anger at the U.S. counterattack and some support for bin Laden.

In the Gaza Strip, anti-American demonstrations ended with a gun battle between Palestinian police and student protesters that left two Palestinian bystanders dead and 50 wounded.

A trickle of Afghan witnesses arriving in Pakistan provided accounts of Sunday night's air strikes, which targeted Kabul, along with the cities of Jalalabad and Kandahar.

"I was standing on my roof when I heard planes overhead, and the next thing I knew there were explosions and panic everywhere," said a Kandahar man named Nematollah, who like many Afghans uses one name.

The Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, called the U.S.-led attacks indiscriminate terror against civilians, and said 20 women; children and elderly were killed in Kabul in Sunday's assault.

"The brave people of Afghanistan will never be intimidated by these fears," he told journalists in Islamabad. "By sacrificing their lives, they will defend the faith, Islam."

Many humanitarian officials fear the military assault on the Taliban and bin Laden will worsen already widespread hunger and privation in Afghanistan. The U.N. food agency said Monday it had halted all deliveries of aid inside Afghanistan following the U.S.-led attacks.

The United States hoped to make up some of the shortfall with airdrops from C-17 cargo planes. The first such flights Sunday were termed a success, dropping 37,500 food packages that were designed to flutter to the ground rather than plummeting straight down, to minimize the possibility of injury.

Bin Laden training camps mix religious instruction and terrorism

WASHINGTON-Osama bin Laden's training camps, prime targets of the U.S.-British military strikes, mix religious instruction with terrorist disciplines, from guns and explosives to hijacking and assassination.

Instructors train students in math so they can calculate how much of an explosive it takes to destroy a building, according to terrorist trial testimony. Others teach fighters the arts of surveillance and kidnapping. Still others train them to use weapons, from bare hands and knives to belt-fed machine guns and surface-to-air missiles.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 people from some 50 countries have trained at the camps since 1996, said one U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said some of the camps were pummeled by air strikes that began Sunday, though bin Laden himself, thought to be hiding in Afghanistan, wasn't targeted yet.

Senate Intelligence Committee Sen. Bob Graham of Florida said Monday he believed U.S. intelligence could locate bin Laden.

"I am confident we will able to locate and take, as a prisoner, or through death, bin Laden," said Graham, who received a classified briefing from the CIA on Monday.

To get to bin Laden's camps, trainees fly into neighboring Pakistan, disguise themselves as Afghans and travel overland into Afghanistan, according to recent testimony of people trained in the country.

Most, but not all, trainees have ties to Islamic extremist groups, although other groups, including the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, are also believed to have trained fighters there.

Some camps focus on specific kinds of training. Courses last from a few weeks to a few months.

"Think of Boy Scout camp with automatic weapons," said John Pike, a military and intelligence analyst with GlobalSecurity.Org.

The number of camps in Afghanistan is unclear. The United States has tied roughly two dozen camps in Afghanistan to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network, although British officials recently talked of 12 camps, and said terrorist training had taken place in at least four of them. Analysts say the discrepancy may be in what constitutes a camp, whether four camps close together count as one or four.

At the camps, no one uses his real name. Groups from the same country stick together at one camp, according to testimony from one former trainee. After initial training, some students were sent to fight alongside the Taliban in its war with the northern alliance.

Most of the training facilities are near Kandahar, Kabul and Jalalabad, targets of the U.S. military strikes. A few are remnants of camps built with CIA support in the 1980s; Afghan mujahedeen used them as bases to fight the Soviet occupation.

B-52s dropped dozens of 500-pound (225-kilogram) gravity bombs on al-Qaida camps in eastern Afghanistan, according to another official.

The gravity bombs create a wide, indiscriminate swath of destruction. This could serve to demoralize any al-Qaida supporters who remained near the camps, Pike said.

"There's a difference between one precision bomb coming down here and there, versus the entire valley erupting. At the end of the day, combat is about breaking the enemy's will to resist," he said.

Adm. Sir Michael Boyce, chief of the British defense staff, acknowledged that some of the camps may have been abandoned well before the strikes began, but said destroying the structures there would prevent al-Qaida from future use.

From high above, the camps aren't much to look at. Commercial satellite images of suspected camps show small knots of buildings in the middle of rugged terrain, some near entrances to caves and tunnels. They also show signs of limited fortifications and flat areas that could serve as helicopter landing pads.

Some insight into life at the camps comes from the testimony during this year's trial in connection with the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. L'Houssaine Kherchtou, a Moroccan who said he trained at the al-Farouq camp near Khost, described his first two-month course of study, beginning with a month of training with pistols, rifles and submachine guns, followed by two weeks learning about mines, explosives and grenades, then two weeks on anti-aircraft weapons.

Islamic religious instruction, and the principles of jihad, or holy war, accompanied the terrorism training, Kherchtou said.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Cincinnati racial riots cost city $13.7 million as of Sunday

CINCINNATI - Rioting touched off by the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man has cost the city $13.7 million so far, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The money covers expenses such as overtime pay for police officers and other emergency workers, cleaning up property damage, legal fees, community programs and initiatives to improve the city's image.

"I am certainly aware that the cash register has been chiming," City Manager John Shirey told *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. "We ran up big bills."

Dozens of people were injured and more than 800 arrested in three nights of rioting following the April 7 shooting of Timothy Thomas, 19. It was the city's worst racial violence since the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in 1968.

A judge acquitted Officer Stephen Roach Sept. 26 of misdemeanor charges of negligent homicide and obstructing official business in Thomas' death.

The newspaper said some of Cincinnati's expenses since the rioting include: $660,000 for street cleaning and lighting in Over-the-Rhine, the neighborhood where the shooting and much of the rioting occurred, $300,000 for a lawyer helping the city handle a federal investigation of its police department, $250,000 in police overtime for the Violent Crimes Task Force, which was formed in response to the wave of shootings that followed the riot, $100,000 to pay for overnight jail stays and attorneys for people arrested during the riots, $20,000 to defend the city against lawsuits stemming from the riots and $15,000 for the special prosecutor who handled the case against Roach.

The shootings that followed the riots have driven up the cost of medical care for victims to at least $3 million and because few had insurance, taxpayers will pay most of the bill, the newspaper said.

More than 140 private businesses suffered about $800,000 worth of physical damage and inventory loss in the riots, the paper said.

"I know a lot of people are in difficult financial straits," said Bob Schneider, an Over-the-Rhine developer and past president of the neighborhood's Chamber of Commerce.

He said business at bars and restaurants on Main Street are down by as much as 25 percent since the riots.

"What people destroy in two or three days can take a long time to get back," says Gerald Mallin, co-owner of Leader Furniture in Over-the-Rhine. "It's not what it was."

Canceled shows and lost ticket revenue cost Playhouse in the Park about $35,000 and the Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival at least $10,000, the newspaper said.

The Freestore/Foodbank, a nonprofit charity in Over-the-Rhine, hasn't had a single school group volunteer since April.

"We used to get them a lot," says Pat Henderson, a volunteer at the charity. "We haven't had any."

Pa. Bar Association recommends three state judges for retention

HARRISBURG, Pa.-The three state judges seeking retention in this year's general election won the approval of the state's bar association on Monday.

Supreme Court Justice Stephen A. Zappala, a Democrat, Superior Court Judge Stephen A. McEwen Jr., a Republican, and Commonwealth Court Judge Rochelle S. Friedman, a Democrat, are standing for retention on Nov. 6.

There are no opposing candidates. Voters will be able to cast "yes" or "no" ballots on whether the judges should be retained in office for another 10 years, if they don't first reach the mandatory retirement age of 70.

Because the only options on the ballot are yes and no, the Pennsylvania Bar Association rates these candidates as either "recommended" or "not recommended." All three were recommended.

It is rare for sitting judges to be unseated unless they do something wrong, or have some kind of blemish on their records or legal troubles.

The retention candidates are not listed in the spring primary races and often do not campaign. On the fall ballot, their names are listed without party affiliation.

Pittsburgh man sues DC Comics for stealing Superman idea

PITTSBURGH - Move over Kryptonite. There's another substance potentially harmful to the Man of Steel-a lawsuit.

A Pittsburgh man has sued DC Comics in federal court claiming it published his Superman story after rejecting it four years ago.

Marcel Walker, a 31-year-old free-lance graphic artist, claims he pitched the idea for "Superman: The Last Son of Earth" three years before it hit the stands in the summer of 2000.

Walker, who is seeking unspecified damages, said he "felt a feeling of confirmation and dread" when he read the comic.

"It was like holding something you kind of created, but I hadn't created it," Walker said, explaining the comic verified for him that his idea was good.

In Walker's proposal, the familiar story of Superman's origin is reversed: Superman is born on Earth and sent to Krypton before Earth's expected demise. He grows up, performing heroic feats, and learns his true identity. Ultimately, he returns to Earth.

Those general themes are in the DC Comics version, according to the lawsuit, filed in Pittsburgh.

A spokeswoman for Warner Bros., DC Comics' parent company, declined comment.

"It seems pretty obvious to me it's been taken," said Richard Johnson, Walker's attorney.

Walker said he's drawn comics since he was a kid, published his own comic book and has been submitting stories and art to comic book companies for years, albeit unsuccessfully.

"Superman, that's my favorite character. That's the character that introduced me to comic books when I was five," Walker said.

In 1997, Walker said he gave DC Comics a proposal for "Superman: The Last Son of Earth," including the title. Later that year, DC Comics rejected the proposal and Walker shelved it, planning to submit it later, hoping perhaps a different editor would like it.

After the issue came out, Walker said he wrote to the comic book company for an explanation.

"They just basically said, 'No, we didn't steal your idea,'" Walker said.

Walker said he would be willing to drop the suit if DC Comics can show they developed the idea independently.

"I would hope they stand by the morals that the character embodies," Walker said. "He stands for truth, justice and the American way."

Murderer still unknown in case of girl slain in South Korea

DERRY, Pa. - The parents of a University of Pittsburgh student who was killed in South Korea six months ago are not any closer to finding the person who killed her, the Allegheny County coroner said.

Jamie Lynn Penich, 21, was killed in a motel room on March 18 in Seoul.

She was an exchange student studying in Taegu, South Korea. She traveled to the country's capital to celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend with some friends.

Allegheny County Coroner Cyril Wecht volunteered to help Penich's family during the murder investigation. Her parents, Brian and Patricia Penich, granted Wecht power of attorney in June to help him launch his own investigation.

"In my opinion, this case is being stonewalled by the South Korean government," Wecht said.

Officials only have a composite sketch of a possible suspect.

Wecht looked through initial investigation reports and the family's records and determined that the woman was not raped before she was killed. Penich was probably stomped to death by a "Caucasian suspect, rather than a Korean," Wecht said.

"I've been involved with international cases before, but with this, there seems to be an incredible level of secrecy," Wecht said. "It's amazing. This is a murder case, and it should be treated like a murder case. And I feel the family has a right to review all the information."

Handwriting class for doctors planned

CHARLESTON, W.Va.-It may often be regarded as a joke that doctors have poor handwriting, but some are taking it seriously.

A handwriting class for doctors is planned for Oct. 16 in the auditorium at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University's Charleston Division.

The class will run for three hours beginning at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Charleston Area Medical Center Health Education and Research Institute and CAMC sponsor the handwriting lessons.

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Campbell of Theta Chi, Andrew Colosimo representing independent men, Michael DaVia of Alpha Sigma Phi, Jared Gashel of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Brian Kocian of Phi Kappa Tau.

Initially, three candidates from each sorority and fraternity and 12 independents were nominated. Each candidate submitted a résumé that was evaluated by the post-graduate resident directors. Evaluation criteria included: leadership experience, academics, community service, extra-curricular activities and overall versatility of the candidate. The resident directors rated each résumé on a scale of zero to five. The candidates who received the highest scores became the representatives for their respective organizations.

After the announcement of the nominees last Thursday, people rushed to the sidewalks and walls with chalk and posters to support their candidate. Voting took place by secret ballot and e-mail on Wednesday and Thursday.

Vice President of Panhellenic Council, Stefanie Maccaglia, was pleased with the outcome of this year's nomination process, though she sees room for improvement.

"Hopefully next year there will be an interview process, and the résumés will act as a supplement to that. Due to time constraints, interviews were not possible this year," Maccaglia said. "If anyone has suggestions for any changes to the selection process, please contact me and I will pass the information along to next year's Panhellenic vice president."

NATIONAL

Obstructed smoke detectors contribute to frat house fire

By Jessica May & Bill Larkin
Massachusetts Daily Collegian

Twenty-three University of Massachusetts-Amherst Delta Upsilon fraternity brothers were forced from their home on Oct. 5 when a fire consumed the three-story house, 778 N. Pleasant St.

According to the *Hampshire Gazette*, the blaze started when a candle in a first-floor room lit a mattress on fire and flames spread to the right half of the house.

None of the residents, including the house dog, were injured.

Because the brothers had covered smoke detectors with plastic bags, the blaze had grown out of control by the time the Amherst, Mass., Fire Department arrived, Amherst Fire Chief Keith Hoyle said.

The Gazette reported the brothers might face criminal charges stemming from their obstruction of the fire detectors.

By 3:15 p.m., nearly an hour after the fire began, the house "was pretty much totaled," Hoyle said. Although the building still stands, the first floor suffered smoke and water damage, the second and third floors were burned completely and the right half of the roof collapsed, he said.

The Amherst Fire Department deployed 35 firefighters to join four Northampton, Mass., fire fighters and UMass student volunteers in combating the blaze. Four firefighters suffered minor injuries and later were released after receiving treatment for dehydration, Hoyle said.

DU Executive Director Abe Cross said a "housing corporation" of UMass DU alumni owns the house, which the Amherst Assessor's office valued at $338,800. Cross said the house "is fully insured by a property program supported by other DU chapters, and we plan to build the best fraternity house possible on that property."

Jason Hollis, treasurer of the housing corporation, said the new house will be rebuilt within two years.

The University allowed the homeless brothers to stay at the Campus Center Hotel until Tuesday, when Dean of Students Jo-Anne Vanin scheduled individual meetings with the students to discuss future housing accommodations. Because the University doesn't "have a bed to be had," Vanin said local boarding houses like the University Lodge would be contacted to negotiate possible living arrangements for the displaced students. Brothers also met with Director of Greek Affairs Mike Wiseman Monday night to discuss future housing possibilities. A DU executive officer, Richard Graham, said Delta Chi, Phi Mu Delta and Phi Sigma Kappa fraternities offered to house the displaced DU brothers for the remainder of the semester. Alpha Chi Omega, Iota Gamma Upsilon and Sigma Kappa sororities offered the brothers clothing, food and water, Graham said.

Speaking over the squeals of fire sirens, Vanin gave the brothers a telephone number to call for emergency clothes and food vouchers. Vanin also promised the brothers her office would send letters to their teachers about the fire and asking for leniency during the upcoming weeks. She said she was starting a "small loan fund" with which students could replace their textbooks.

Like most of his brothers, Eric Gibbons, a sophomore management major, lost nearly all of his possessions in the fire, including a $1,000 stereo system, a $900 computer and $300 in textbooks. Although the house is insured, Gibbons might have to replace his possessions himself because he does not have renter's insurance.

E. Coli outbreak at county fair causes cancellation of festival

UPPER SANDUSKY, Oh. - Organizers have canceled a festival that traditionally brings in up to 5,000 people because of concerns about a recent E. coli outbreak.

The Ohio Hand Corn Husking Festival is one of the largest annual events at the Wyandot County Fairgrounds. It had been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday in Upper Sandusky, a north-central Ohio city of about 6,500 people.

Organizers decided to cancel this year's festival because health officials had not yet pinpointed the source of an E. coli outbreak at the county fair last month, Jeff Ritchey, the county's director of environmental health, said Monday.

At least 20 people were infected.

The E. coli infection generally causes diarrhea, stomach cramps, fatigue and nausea. Kidney failure is among the most serious complications. Younger children, adults with other health problems and older adults are most at risk for complications.

The infection can develop from eating contaminated food or water or from petting an infected animal. Inadequate hand washing can spread it.

Festival spokeswoman Pat Riedel said organizers considered moving the festival but could not find a site close enough to the cornfields they use in the husking competitions.

Orchard Park deputies injured in collision with drunk driver

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) - Two Erie County Sheriff's deputies were hospitalized Sunday after a drunken driver hit their patrol car near Ralph Wilson Stadium, home of the Buffalo Bills.

Michael Lavin, 30, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and felony vehicular assault. Deputies said Lavin's pickup truck crossed the centerline of a road in suburban Buffalo and collided head-on with the patrol car, pushing the vehicle into a ditch.

Captain Thomas Flaherty, commander of the narcotics and intelligence squad, was flown to Erie County Medical Center where he was admitted in serious condition with multiple fractures on the left side of his body.

Deputy James Bauer was treated for a chin injury and released from the medical center.

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California State student speaks out about dangers of hazing

By Greg Smith
Daily Forty-Niner

Last year Gilbert Lopez, a 21-year-old junior business major, decided to rush a fraternity at California State University-Long Beach. Two friends from high school were members of Delta Sigma Chi, a co-ed Hispanic fraternity, and Lopez said he felt the fraternity suited him best. But while Lopez was looking for brotherhood and friendship, he found only pain and humiliation.

Lopez said Delta Sigma Chi member Emiliano Torres, a senior theater major, invited him to his off-campus apartment one night last April. While he was there, Lopez said, he was beaten nearly 100 times with a 3-foot long, 6-inch thick wooden paddle over his entire body. He said Torres performed a majority of the beating, while two other fraternity members sat quietly and played video games.

"He would make me recite the Greek alphabet and for every letter he would hit me on one side and then he would switch to the other side," Lopez said.

Over a two-hour period Lopez was beaten, verbally berated and forced to eat food off the floor, he said. Torres then forced him to go on a scavenger hunt. Every time he failed to bring back the proper item in the designated time he was paddled more, he said.

While on the scavenger hunt Lopez crashed his car; the pain in his battered arms was so great he couldn't turn the steering wheel, and he hit another car while trying to make a left turn, he said.

Members of fraternities and sororities justify hazing usually as a means of promoting brotherhood and sisterhood among pledges, as they build bonds while supporting each other through the hazing.

Of the three students who pledged Delta Sigma Chi that semester, Lopez was the only male. He also was the only pledge present on the night of the hazing incident.

After that night, Lopez said, he reported the incident to University Police and University administration, but nothing happened. He said the police report was filed as assault with a deadly weapon, a charge punishable by dismissal from the University.

Frustrated by the lack of action by police and University administrators, Lopez wrote a letter appearing in the Long Beach Union. Nearly all copies of the Union containing the letter were stolen from their racks just days after distribution. Soon after his letter was published, school administrators began to take action, Lopez said.

The Judiciary Review currently is investigating the incident, Lopez said, but Director of Judicial Affairs Steve Katz said he is not allowed to discuss any cases currently under investigation.

Delta Sigma Chi President Louie Rodiles emphasized the incident was in no way condoned by the fraternity.

ASI Vice President and former Delta Sigma Chi President Danny Vivian said the beating was an isolated incident, and the fraternity imposed a lifetime suspension on Torres.

However, the Inter-Fraternity and Panhellenic councils, which regulate and administer punishments to nationally recognized fraternities and sororities, do not recognize Delta Sigma Chi. While member fraternities and sororities are subject to the organizations' strict laws regarding hazing, Delta Sigma Chi is not.

According to its Web site, CSULB Latino students who felt a need for a Hispanic-based fraternity on campus formed Delta Sigma Chi in 1989. Delta Sigma Chi now has five chapters in Southern California.

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INTERNATIONAL

Florida anthrax cases spark national biological warfare fear

By Nicholas Alajakis
Northern Star (Northern Illinois U.)

DEKALB, Ill.-Recent outbreaks of anthrax in Florida continue to instill fear of possible biological warfare.

A 63-year-old Florida man died last week after being diagnosed as having acquired the bacteria in their most deadly form, called inhalation. Two cases have been reported from the state in recent days.

Inhalation anthrax, caused by inhaling anthrax spores, has the potential to be used in biological warfare but is not contagious. Northern Illinois University assistant biology professor Stuart Hill said people shouldn't be worried that cases in Florida could affect the Chicago area.

Anthrax bacteria are one of the few types of bacteria that make spores.

"These spores can survive millions of years, until the right conditions come around for them to germinate," Hill said.

Someone can come into contact with these spores simply by inhaling them after they have been spread in an area.

"If you get a large enough amount of spores in your body they will germinate inside you and you can come down with full-blown anthrax," Hill said. "It needs correct conditions to germinate, and the human body is really good at growing bacteria."

According to the Anthrax Vaccination Immunization Program's Web site, www.anthrax.osd.mil/, there are three forms of the disease.

One form, cutaneous, most commonly affects people in close contact with animals, like veterinarians. Primarily eating contaminated meat causes gastrointestinal anthrax, a second form of the disease. Gastrointestinal anthrax is rare in the United States and usually occurs in countries with less strict health guidelines for meat products.

Penicillin can be used as a satisfactory treatment for cutaneous and gastrointestinal anthrax but is not effective for inhalation anthrax. Vaccines are helpful if administered before someone comes into contact with inhalation anthrax, but post-exposure treatment must begin early. But symptoms can appear up to 45 days after infection occurs, making it very lethal, Hill said.

The BioPort Corporation distributes the recommended cell-free filtrate vaccine.

On its Web site, www.cdc.gov, the Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases recommends the vaccine for anyone who works directly with organisms in a lab, those who work with imported hides or furs, people who handle infected animal products and military personnel in cases of biological warfare.

The bacteria are fairly easy to grow. Because they don't require any special containment, anthrax can live in the open for a number of years. The easiest way to spread anthrax, Hill said, is to sprinkle it over an area.

These qualities led to the FAA's grounding of all crop-dusting planes on Sept. 25. However, crop-dusters aren't the only method through which anthrax could be spread. Hill said anthrax easily could be placed in a shell and fired into an area through a bomb.

"There's a quite high potential of many people dying if it's released in a populated area," Hill said.

In the 1940's the British tested anthrax on cattle on a remote Scottish island. To this day the island is totally uninhabitable, Hill said.

Hurricane Iris threatens Belize City with 145-mph winds

By Karla Heusner

BELIZE CITY, Belize-Thousands of residents and tourists fled low-lying coastal parts of Belize on Monday as Hurricane Iris, the year's most powerful Atlantic storm, drove toward the coast with 145-mph (230 kph) winds.

"We are expecting it to hit very hard," said Arreini Palacio, a government spokeswoman. "We are in a state of emergency."

Iris was about 75 miles (120 kilometers) southeast of Belize City and was moving westward at about 22 mph (35 kph), putting it on course to blast into southern Belize on Monday night.

Palacio said soldiers were going door to door to evacuate people in this low-lying, seaside city of 65,000 people. The nation's capital was moved inland to Belmopan after Hurricane Hattie destroyed much of Belize City in 1961.

While the evacuation was optional in Belize City, officials said it was mandatory for some coastal towns farther south and for offshore cays popular with tourists.

"This is an extremely dangerous Category 4 hurricane," said Richard Knabb, a meteorologist at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami. "This is going to cause extensive damage wherever it makes landfall."

George Bevier, co-owner of the beachfront Rum Point Inn, near Placencia, 70 miles (110 kms) south of Belize City, said he, eight guests and four employees had planned to wait the hurricane out at the resort but were evacuating Monday afternoon as Iris changed course and appeared headed straight for Placencia.

"We've been down here 30 years and we've experienced some serious hurricanes," Bevier said. "But this is a category 4 and that could be big trouble. Even 10-foot (3-meter) waves could wipe out this whole peninsula."

The Hurricane Center warned that Iris could temporarily raise the seas by 13 to 18 feet (4-5 meters) above normal, causing coastal flooding. Rainfall of 5-8 inches (12-20 centimeters) could cause flash floods and mudslides inland.

Nearly every window in Placencia was boarded up by early Monday afternoon, and roads out of the area remained clogged with traffic as the hurricane moved closer.

In Punta Gorda, 40 miles (65 kms) south of Placencia, William Schmidt, 55, owner of the Nature's Way Guest House, said people were doing what they could to prepare for the storm.

"The stores are jammed. People are stocking up and preparing, but if this comes too fast they will have to stay where they are."

Juan Bendeck, Honduras' emergency commissioner, said his country was on a state of alert. Schools had been closed in the Bay Islands offshore and flights there were canceled and fishermen on the coast sought safe haven.

Local officials said thousands of people had left low-lying areas for higher ground.

Civil defense authorities ordered emergency workers to be on alert in Guatemala, where Iris was expected to dump heavy rains over the northern part of the country. A slight southward twitch in the storm's path could bring it to shore near Guatemala's Puerto Barrios.

Iris gained force after brushing past Jamaica on Sunday with 85-mph (137 kph) winds that toppled some trees, tore off roofs and injured at least one person.

Iris killed a mother and her two young daughters in the Dominican Republic on Saturday when a retaining wall collapsed onto their house.

Farther east in the Caribbean, Tropical Storm Jerry faded into a disorganized tropical depression midway between Puerto Rico and Venezuela. It had been following in Iris' path with winds of about 50 mph (85 kph).

Fighting continues in Gaza Strip, four Palestinians killed

JERUSALEM-Islamic militant leaders said Monday they were summoned by the Palestinian Authority and warned there would be a tough response if they did not stop attacks on Israelis. In the Gaza Strip, four Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire and an Israeli motorist was wounded in a roadside ambush.

The Islamic Jihad group said it would defy police orders, while the larger Hamas faction suggested it would abide by a truce with Israel, at least temporarily.

In the latest attack, a 17-year-old Islamic Jihad supporter blew himself up Sunday near an Israeli car, killing himself and the Israeli driver. The assailant was the 100th suicide bomber sent to attack Israeli targets since 1993, Israel said.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has been trying to enforce a Sept. 26 cease-fire with Israel, but has been unable to stop attacks on Israelis.

Israel has accused Arafat of doing very little to rein in militants, despite his promises. Three suspected Islamic militants were arrested in the West Bank over the weekend, but Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said he expected more.

Israel insists that the Palestinians arrest 108 suspected militants, and has handed over a list of names.

"I have confirmation of a very small number of arrests, certainly not the long list of 108 or 48, not even 10," Ben-Eliezer told Israel radio Monday.

In weekend meetings, Islamic militant leaders were told by Palestinian security forces "the cease fire this time is very serious," said Abdel Halim Izzedine, the Islamic Jihad leader in the West Bank town of Jenin.

Izzedine said Islamic Jihad representatives told security officials they would not honor the truce.

Hamas suggested it would not challenge the Palestinian Authority openly.

"One of the important things ... is to maintain national unity," said Taysir Imran, a Hamas leader in the West Bank town of Nablus. "I think that a cease-fire is like a cloud and it will soon pass."

However, the worst internal Palestinian fighting in years erupted Monday when protesters, many of them Hamas supporters, waged a gunbattle with police at the Islamic University in Gaza City. Two bystanders were killed and 50 people injured. The protesters had taken to the streets in protest against the U.S. air strikes against Afghanistan.

In response to Sunday's suicide bombing, Palestinian police arrested two Islamic Jihad supporters, Izzedine said.

The assailant, Ahmed Daraghmeh, was reported missing Saturday by his parents who told Palestinian security forces they feared he might be trying to carrying out an attack. Palestinian officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they warned Israel of the danger.

Israeli security sources said that since 1993, 100 suicide bombers have been sent to attack Israeli targets-66 by Hamas and 34 by Islamic Jihad. The bombers were relatively young; 68 were age 23 and under.

Most of the attackers were educated, with 46 having gone to university and 31 having completed high school. Seventy-five assailants were killed during their mission, while 25 were intercepted.

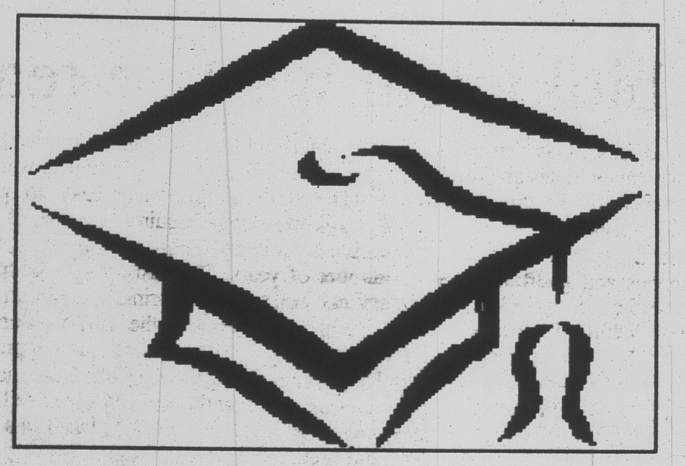
In the Gaza Strip, three Palestinian militants were shot and killed by Israeli troops on Monday as they tried to lay an explosive near the Karni crossing, the Israeli army said. Palestinian security did not immediately comment on the incident, which took place in an Israeli-controlled area.

Earlier, a Palestinian man was killed by Israeli fire near an Israeli army post in the Gaza Strip, Palestinian police said. Palestinian officials said they were contacted by the Israeli army and asked to pick up the body. The army had no immediate response.

In Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, a flashpoint throughout the year of fighting, Israeli troops fired from heavy machine guns mounted on tanks, Palestinian witnesses said. The Israeli army said it fired in response to Palestinian fire at its forces. It was not immediately clear if there were injuries.

Three mortar shells were shot toward Jewish settlements in the northern Gaza Strip Sunday but caused no injuries and no damage, the Israeli army spokesman said.

Also in the Gaza Strip, an Israeli motorist was seriously wounded in a roadside shooting attack, the army said.



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Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct. 12

1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Golden Tower Society Hospitality Suite, Ferguson Lounge

3 p.m. Campus Tour, meet in Ferguson Lounge

3 p.m. SGA Powder Puff Football Game and Picnic on the Quad

6:30 p.m. Citation Celebration Dinner, Russell Dining Room

Saturday, Oct. 13

8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Hospitality Tent, Senior Terrace

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Golden Tower Society Hospitality Suite, Ferguson Lounge

8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Books, McGill Library

10 a.m. Parade, Market Street

10:30-11:30 a.m. WWNW-FM Open House in Patterson Hall, below Orr Auditorium

10:30 a.m. Campus Tour, meet on Senior Terrace

11:30 a.m. Golden Tower Society Reunion and Induction Luncheon, Russell Dining Room

11:30 a.m. All-Alumni Picnic, Anderson Amphitheater

1 p.m. Pre-game Activities, Memorial Field

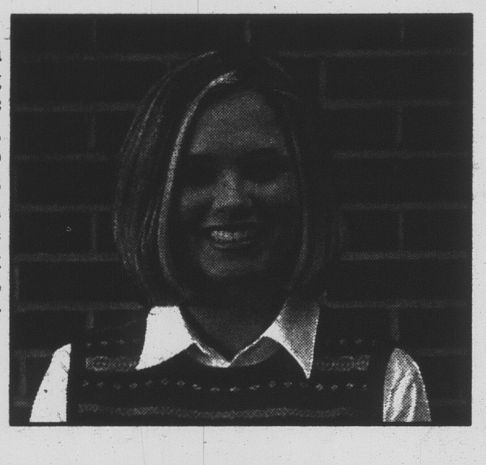
1:30 p.m. Titan Football Kick-off, Memorial Field

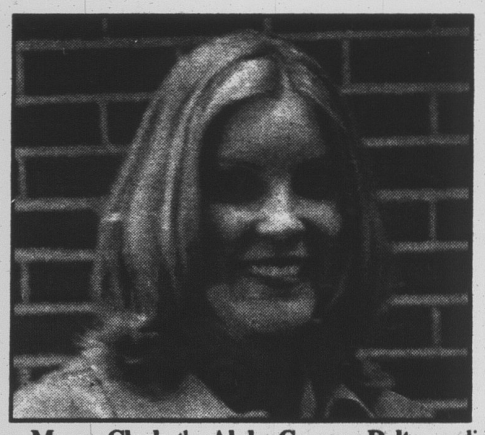
6 p.m. Reunion Receptions and Dinners

Christina Waszczak, the **Kappa Delta** candidate, is from Enon, Oh. She is an active member of the Student Alumni Association and serves as the Kappa Delta vice-president of standards, as well as chapter historian. Christina also looks forward to campus activities, such as volunteering at the blood drives and participating in Volley Rock. At home, she works as an assistant manager at the Chackers Cinema. Following graduation, Christina hopes to obtain a position at the Ohio Historical Society located in Columbus.

Courtney Henry, the **independent** candidate, is a junior human resources/psychology major with a minor in speech communications. Courtney is the President of SWAT, Treasurer of SAA, and Secretary of SIFE. She is also a member of SGA, Lambda Pi Eta (Communications Honor Society), and the Enrollment Management Council. Courtney volunteers at Head Start and Northminster Presbyterian Church. Following graduation, she hopes to be employed at a large corporation, either working in their Human Resources or Communication department.

Jerilyn Matejka, of **Zeta Tau Alpha**, is a junior public relations major and marketing minor. On campus, she is involved in Dance Theater, is vice-president of events for SWAT, SAA and serves on its Membership Committee, and in Zeta Tau Alpha she serves as standard/risk management chair and is on the judicial board. In her spare time she is the Junior Varsity Cheerleading advisor at Wilmington Area Schools and is also employed at Community Counseling Center in Sharon as a Residential Advisor.





Megan Clark, the **Alpha Gamma Delta** candidate is a public relations major, and a psychology minor, who has made the Dean's list each semester. She is currently Alpha Gamma Delta's vice-president of scholarship.

She is also a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America, and Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication association honor society. Last year, she was a member of Lambda Sigma.

Megan participated in Relay for Life at Westminster for the last two years, serving as a team captain last year.

On campus, she also volunteers as a teaching assistant at the Learning Center, and works at the office of Audio Visual Services.

Megan is a member of the Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church in Brownsville, PA

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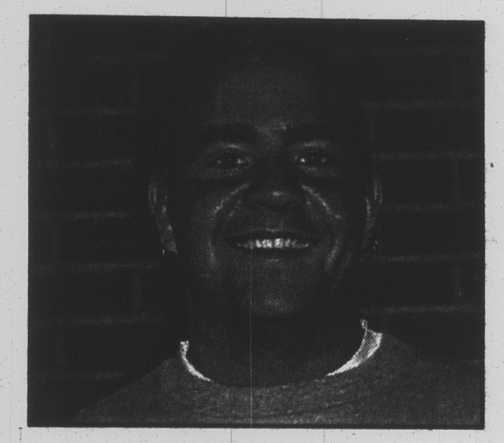

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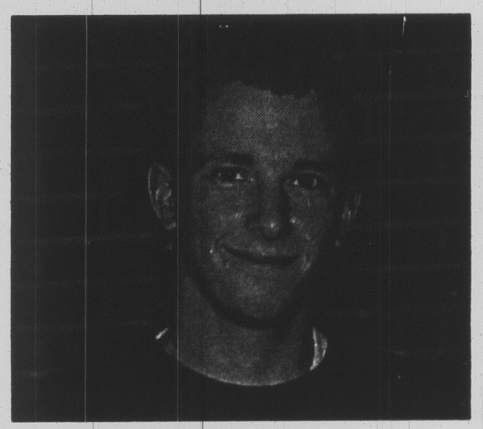

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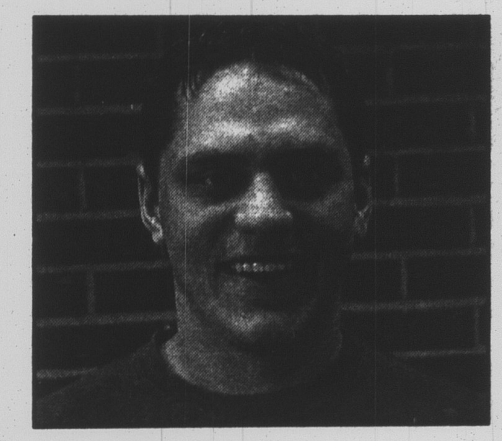

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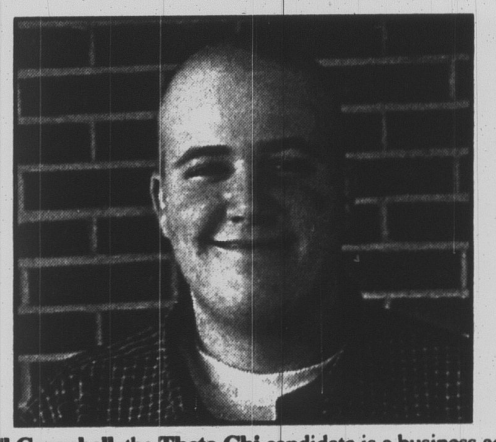

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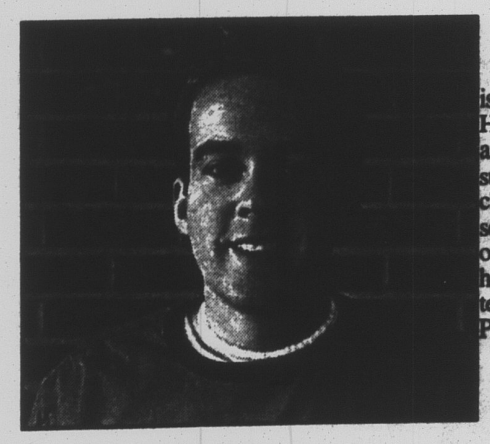

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Not pictured: Brian Kocian
Phi Kappa Tau Candidate

SPORTS

Titan football team falls to W&J 28-7

By Christy Steidel
STAFF WRITER

The football team lost its third game of the season on Saturday with a record of 1-3. Washington and Jefferson, nationally ranked number four in the NCAA Division III poll, won the game 28-7 with an improved record of 4-0.

Early in the first quarter, senior kicker Jon McCartney went in for the field goal, but was unexpectedly blocked by W&J. With a score of 0-0 at the end of first quarter, it was anybody's game.

Four minutes into the second quarter, W&J scored first with a 40-yard pass completed by junior quarterback Brian Dawson. The Titans retaliated with a score of their own. Senior wide receiver Brian Lipiello caught a direct pass from sophomore quarterback Matt Robison to tie the score 7-7. With six minutes and 25 seconds remaining, W&J's running back broke away for an incredible 84 yards.

Titan's junior cornerback Joe Stern tackled from behind saving the touchdown. However, it did not stop W&J from scoring another seven points, leading 14-7.

With their heads still high, Titan tight end Nevin Baker caught a 25-yard pass from Robison. At the end of the half, W&J scored another seven points, leading the game 21-7.

During the third quarter, W&J scored another unanswered touchdown to lead 28-7.

The Titan defense stepped it up in the fourth quarter with senior cornerback Bryan O'Neill's three tackles and one interception. The damage was already done, and the Titans lost their third game with a final score 28-7.

With another loss, the first half of the season has been a disappointment.

Optimism shows, however, in the locker room. Baker plans to have a great season and hopes to head into the next as one of the top Division III teams in the country. "We want to pick up the intensity, play together and limit mistakes," Baker said.

Stellar performances were given by freshman tailback Scott Froelich who rushed for 106 yards on 27 carries. This was the first time since 1995 that a freshman has rushed over 100 yards in a game. Robison completed 16 passes for 171 yards. Senior inside linebacker Eric Witt also contributed with 10 tackles.

The Titans return to action away at 2 p.m. Saturday against Bethany College.

Cross country teams dominate Invitational

By Bridgette Kennedy
STAFF WRITER

The cross country teams traveled to the St. Vincent College Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The men finished first in their race, and the women took second place to California University of Pa. Senior co-captain Jake Gleason and senior captain Desiree Henry finished first overall.

Gleason, sophomore Sean Gallagher, senior co-captain Scott Fabry, junior Dan Beckwith and freshman Brian Zerbe contributed to the win. The sixth and seventh finishers, sophomore Tim Snyder and junior Brian Mackrell also added to the score when they displaced runners on competing teams.

The women's first five contributors were Henry, sophomore Sara Ialongo, junior Lydia Humenycky, freshman Felicia Reid and junior Kelly Schmidt.

The men had a critical race and won the meet by two points over St. Vincent.

"I do not think that any of our runners got out-kicked in the last quarter mile, that's why we ended up on top; everyone gave a great effort," Fabry said.

Both the men's and women's teams will travel to Dickinson for an invitational on Sept. 29. Men's coach Ron Galbreath says the team is up to the challenge. "Dickinson will be a challenging and difficult meet for Westminster. We're looking forward to it."

This week in Sports

Thursday, 10/11/01
WSOC VS. WASH. & JEFF.* - 4:30 p.m.

Friday, 10/12/01
XC VS. GROVE CITY/ GENEVA - 4 p.m.
MSOC VS. GROVE CITY* - 5 p.m.
VB VS. BETHANY* - 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, 10/13/01
VB at Allegheny - 1 p.m.
FB VS. THIEL* - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, 10/14/01
WSOC VS. DENISON - 2 p.m.
WT VS. EDINBORO - 2 p.m.

Monday, 10/15/01
MGF-TITAN INVITATIONAL - noon
WSOC VS. WAYNESBURG* - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 10/16/01
VB VS. WASH. & JEFF.* - 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 10/17/01
MSOC at Thiel* - 4 p.m.

Indians vs. Mariners: Who will win series?

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The baseball season is finally in the playoffs and the most watched series on this campus is between the Cleveland Indians and the Seattle Mariners. Most predict that this series will be a sleeper, with the Mariners sweeping the Indians. After Tuesday's game (a 5-0 win by Bartolo Colon and Cleveland), many people are reevaluating the underestimated Tribe. Seattle came to the postseason after a stellar season. They won 116 games, tying the record. However, all teams are 0-0 once they enter the playoffs.

If a team other than the Indians should win the World Series, I hope it is the Mariners. It is a classy, talented team without the superstars other teams possess. I also think it's funny that Ken Griffey, Jr., Alex Rodriguez and Randy Johnson all had places on the Seattle team and chose to leave for the money. Junior actually said that he wasn't leaving because of money, but that he wanted to go to a team who is a contender. Where is he now? Sitting at home, watching the postseason from his couch. Johnson is still in the race, but he was not part of a record-setting season. Junior and A-Rod may have money, but it can't buy a trip to the playoffs or a World Series ring.

The Mariners must get by the Indians before thinking about other series. The Tribe was the only American League team to snare the Mariners this season for a game. On Aug. 5, the Tribe was trailing 12-0 after three innings and 14-2 after seven at home when the Indians rallied for 15-14 win in 11 innings. The comeback was the biggest in baseball for 76 years and may have been turning point in Cleveland's season. The Mariners won the next three games after blowing the lead, showing strong resolve. There also may be some bad blood lingering between the teams stemming from the Aug. 25 game when Omar Vizquel complained to umpires that Arthur Rhodes' diamond earrings were distracting him at the plate. Both benches emptied and Rhodes was ejected before throwing a pitch.

The Indians are batting .263 against the Mariners, with eight homers and 34 runs scored in seven games. Vizquel hit team-high .344 (11-for-32) and Kenny Lofton batted .357 (10-for-28) with eight runs, but Ellis Burks batted just .136 (3-for-22) with 0 RBIs and Jim Thome hit .160 (4-for-25) and struck out 11 times. The Tribe also made a season-high four errors in the 8-6 loss to Seattle on Aug. 6.

For the Mariners, Ichiro Suzuki makes the Mariners' offense superb and Cleveland had trouble dealing with him this season. He batted .407 with seven RBIs in six games against the Indians. Jeff Nelson, a key to the Yankees' four World Series titles in five years, struggled this season against Cleveland, allowing five runs in one inning. A key matchup could be between Nelson, a side-arming righty, and Juan Gonzalez, Cleveland's most lethal righty slugger. Gonzalez is 8-for-23 in his career against Nelson.

Overall, this matchup should be exciting baseball. Both teams have a legitimate chance to advance to the next round. Cleveland, the underdog, possesses the skill and heart to beat the talent-filled Mariners. However, Seattle will not go down without a struggle.

Women's volleyball 3-2 at Indiana Wesleyan Invitational

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa.--The women's volleyball team ran its record to 15-8 after a three win and two loss weekend at the Indiana Wesleyan Invitational in Marion. The Lady Titans defeated Spalding University on Friday afternoon 19-30, 30-18, 27-30, 30-28, 15-11, and that night, Westminster fell to Madonna University 20-30, 21-30, and 28-30. With a 30-22, 30-28, 30-11 win over Siena Heights University Saturday morning, Westminster landed a spot in the semi-finals. They defeated host Indiana Wesleyan University 25-30, 32-30, 30-28, 30-26 putting them in the final game. In the final game. In the finals, Westminster once again fell to Madonna University in three sets 22-30, 19-30, and 23-30.

Scoring leaders in the win over Spalding were junior middle hitter Suzanne Fitz with 17 kills and one solo block, and senior outside hitter Shannon Simmons with 10 kills, two solo blocks and two service aces. Junior setter Carolee Reed led the team in assists with 43.

In the first loss to Madonna, Fitz again led the way for Westminster with 10 kills, and Simmons added seven kills. Reed set up 25 assists in the loss.

In Saturday's win over Siena Heights, Fitz had 13 kills and three solo blocks, while Simmons had eight kills and three solo blocks. Junior middle hitter Katie Spehar also added three solo blocks, and Reed helped out with 28 assists.

High scorers in the semi-final win against Indiana Wesleyan were Fitz with 11 kills and eight solo blocks, Simmons with 10 kills, and Spehar with five solo blocks. Sophomore outside hitter Lindsay Simmons added three service aces, and Reed led the team in assists with 31.

In the final loss to Madonna, Fitz contributed 12 kills and one solo block, senior outside hitter Meredith Etcher had six kills and Spehar had one solo block as well. Reed again led the team in assists with 21.

Sports briefs

Men's golf places third at W&J Fall Invitational

The men's golf team finished in third place on Oct. 2 at the five team Washington & Jefferson College Fall Invitational, held at Southpointe Golf Club in Canonsburg, Pa. The Titans posted a four-man total of 339, trailing invitational champion Carnegie Mellon (328) and W&J (338) and ahead of Pitt-Greensburg (353) and St. Vincent (DQ).

Leading the Titan linksters was the duo of senior Jim McGovern and junior Drew Aufderheide, who each tied for fifth place overall with 18-hole scores of 83. Other Titan finishers included freshmen Scott Voelker with 84 and Matt Faccenda with 89.

Women's soccer 10-2 after upsetting Elizabethtown 2-0

The women's soccer team improved to 10-2 on the season on Oct. 6 in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titans posted a 2-0 non-conference upset victory over visiting Elizabethtown College. Elizabethtown is currently ranked #15 in the nation in NCAA Division III. With the victory, the Lady Titans ran their current winning streak to a season-high six games.

After a scoreless first half, Westminster buried a pair of second half goals to secure the upset. Scoring for the Lady Titans were senior Ashley Pyle and freshman Angie DePascale, with both goals assisted by junior forward Tammy Newell.

Westminster outshot Elizabethtown 14-12 in the contest, while each team recorded six corner kicks. Senior goalkeeper Sarah Morrison made six saves to earn her fifth shutout of the season and the 21st of her Wesminster career.

Dedication set for new track

The college will hold a dedication ceremony for the new track complex at Harold Burry Stadium this Saturday, Sept. 22 at 12:30 p.m., prior to the Titan football home opener against West Liberty State.

The new eight-lane track was made possible by a $500,000 gift from the New Castle-based Hoyt Foundation. Speakers at the dedication ceremony will include Westminster President R. Thomas Williamson and Hoyt Foundation Director Stephen R. Sant. In addition, a ceremonial "first sprint" featuring area youths will also take place as part of the dedication ceremony.

Women's tennis 6-4 overall

The women's tennis team improved its record to 6-4 overall and 4-3 against teams from the PAC in Greenville, as the Lady Titan netters topped rival Thiel College 8-1. Westminster lost only one set in the match.

Westminster was led by senior Shannon Haines, who captured the #2 singles slot in straight sets while teaming with classmate Brenda Rowland for a win at #1 doubles. Other singles winners for the Lady Titans included freshmen Amy Caliguiri and Bethany Grubbs at #3 and #4, respectively.

Men's soccer posts 2-2 tie at Penn State-Behrend

The men's soccer team ran its record to 9-1-1 on the season in Erie, as the Titans played Penn State-Behrend to a 2-2 overtime tie. The teams played one overtime period, while a second overtime period was called on account of darkness. Although the Titans had their five-game winning streak snapped, the team still sports a six-game unbeaten streak (5-0-1).

The Titans opened the scoring in the 21st minute on a goal by junior forward Pasquale Reino assisted by junior defender James Green. Behrend answered with a goal in the 28th minute, sending the game into halftime tied 1-1. Westminster retook the lead 2-1 as Reino recorded his second goal of the contest, this time assisted by junior midfielder Josh Hanna. The Lions rallied to knot the score 2-2 in the 80th minute, sending the game to the scoreless overtime period.

Senior goalkeeper James Houser played all 105 minutes in goal for the Titans, making 10 saves in the tie. The Titan kicker posted a 16-15 advantage in shots and a 7-5 bulge in corner kicks over Penn State-Behrend.

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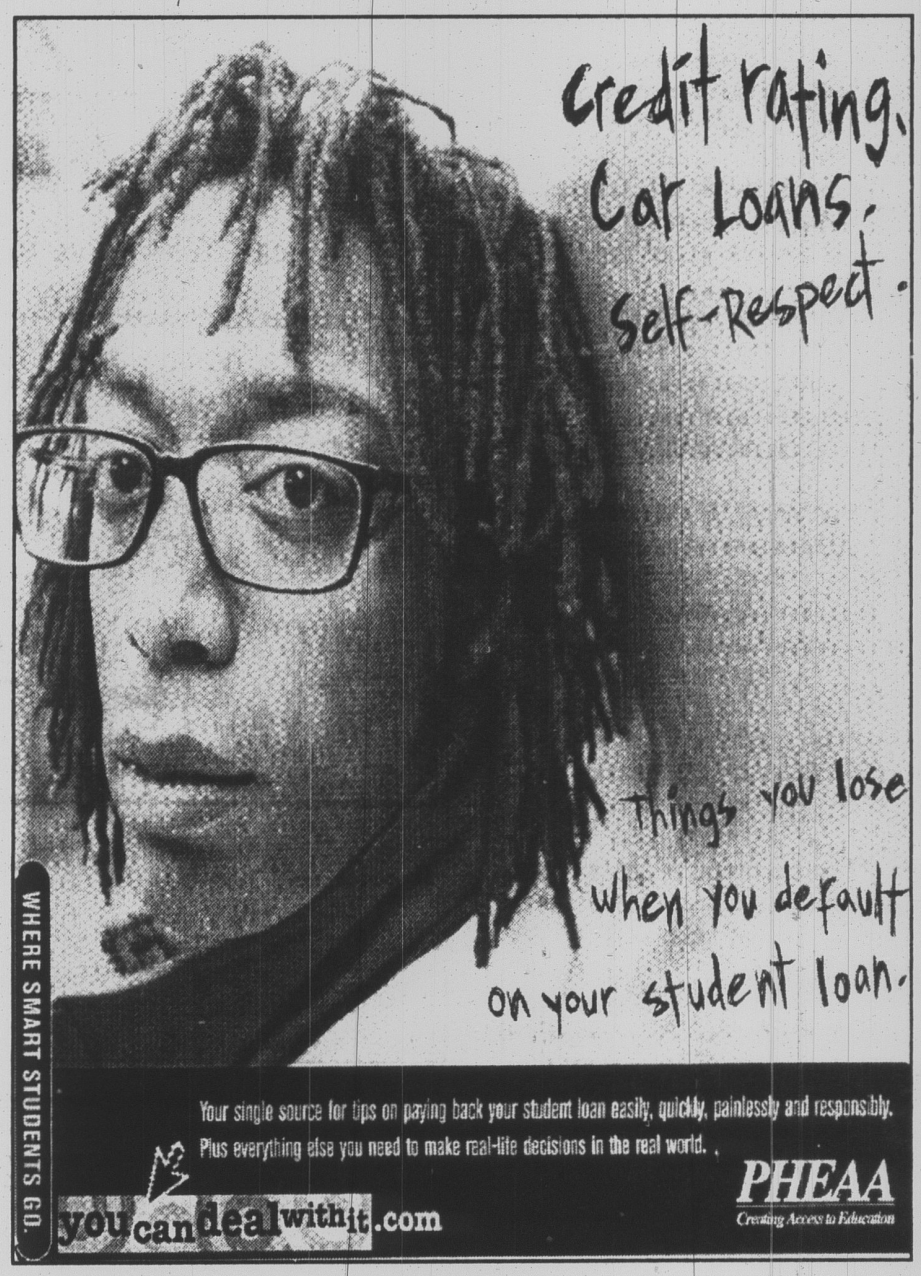


OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Hooray for bringing back the ice cream toppings and jimmies in the dining hall."

"Why does every girl on campus have a boyfriend who lives hours away?"

"They made us take down our curtains over break so they could put up new ones, but when we got back, no curtains. I don't want the world to see me change."

"All anyone on this campus does is complain. But no one is willing to do something about it."

"The new campus center is going to be beautiful and worth the pain of construction."

"I'm not ready for winter, is it summer yet?"

"I love getting my paycheck...too bad I have to wait a month for it."

"I can't wait for Powder Puff...the Homecoming pep rally is always lots of fun."

"Fall Break is just too short."

"I can't wait to see all of my friends who come back for Homecoming."

"This year's Homecoming candidates are so beautiful."

"I hope that our campus looks somewhat decent for the alumni, not all torn up."

"The cafeteria food is a joke. Could you starch the food any more?"

"The changing of the leaves is so amazing. I just love this time of year."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not endorse or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Patriotism now

First we were attacked. Now we are engaged in a war. For once, however, it is clear what we are fighting for.

Americans have united in an unprecedented show of patriotism. Bush's approval ratings are through the roof and across the states people are cheering on the efforts to stomp out terrorism and restore a sense of security.

For once the people of America seem content to sit back and let the officials run the country. When issues such as stem-cell research, abortion and Medicare are temporarily shadowed, the public suddenly realizes the people it has put in office are not so incompetent and callous.

Negative attention is often the only kind our public officials receive; they are often forgotten in their time of glory. In this case, however, the people can see clearly why there are offices and capable men and women to fill them. For better or for worse, they now hold in their hands the fate of a nation.

It is a shame it takes a tragedy of such a magnitude to unite a people and to inspire respect for our leaders, but in this attitude is an essential part of our nation.

We are a democracy. A group of people who, by way of voting, express our views and who, by way of voting, allow someone else to take the lion's share of responsibility for decisions made.

While everyone seems to have their take on the war, there are many who approach the subject timidly and with awe. There is a general feeling of relief that the decisions to be made do not rest on our shoulders. Regardless of the action, Americans are relieved that anyone is brave enough to address the situation. Whether it be troops, emergency workers, or the President himself, Americans now have before them role models and heroes.

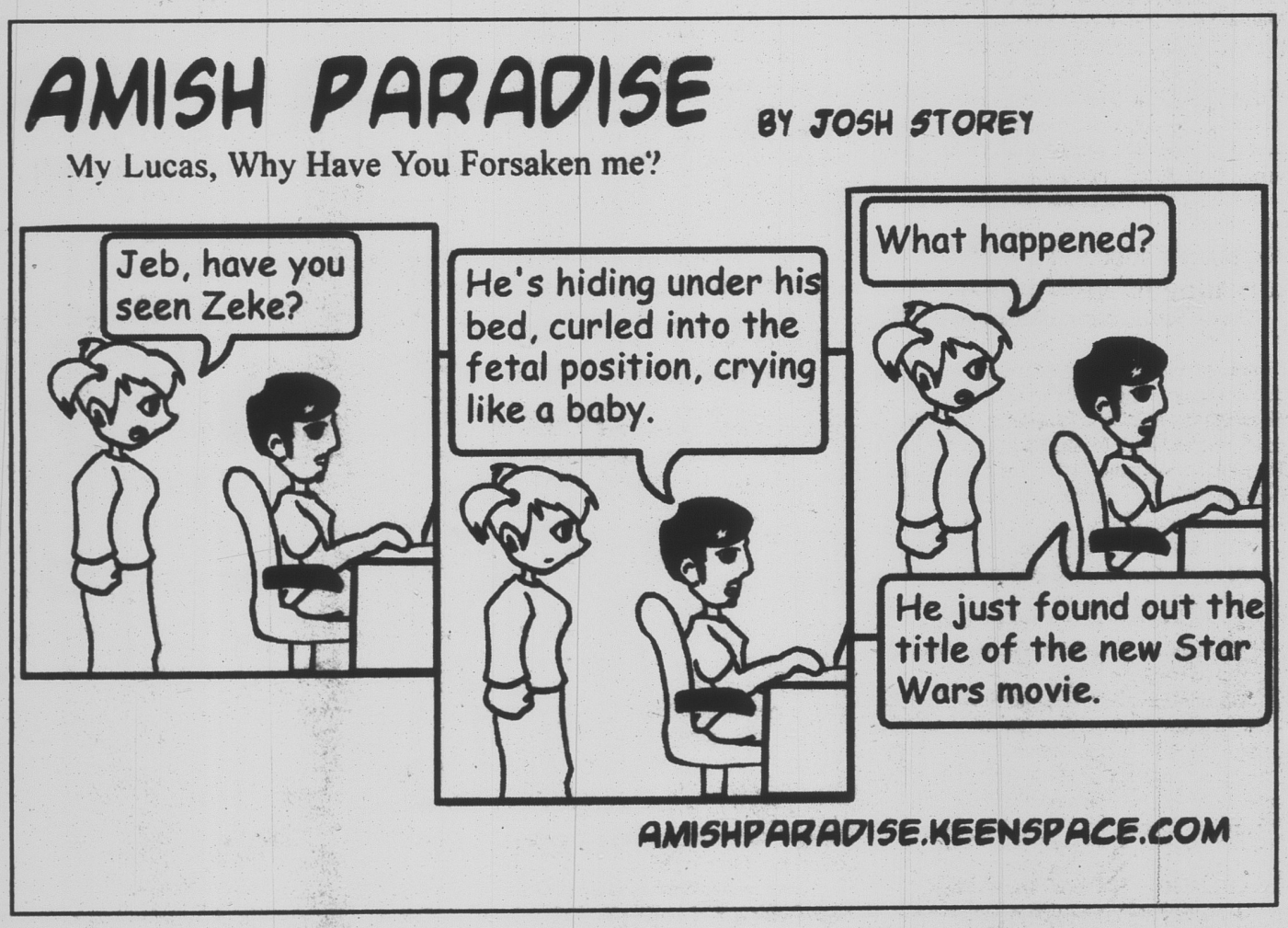
> Once again, it is okay to love democracy, to wave a flag or to want to be like the President.

This event has changed our country in many ways. Once again, it is okay to love democracy, to wave a flag or to want to be like the President. Our generation has suddenly stumbled into an understanding of what it means to be an American and what makes our country different from others.

Maybe patriotism is being brave enough to enlist in the army, jump in a plane and head to Afghanistan to pull bin Laden from the hole he is hiding in. Maybe patriotism is being brave enough to lead a nation in a war. Maybe patriotism is crossing the ocean to act as Florence Nightingale in nursing the fallen back to health.

Or maybe all people need to do to be good Americans is to fly a flag in front of their houses or support those whom they have elected. Maybe patriotism is realizing that a person's vote is important and then putting faith in who we have elected.

We had a chance to elect the proper people to lead our country and it did make a difference. Now, in the midst of war, we not only support our leaders, but support our country by voting in the next election. Patriotism is keeping our democracy.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We are writing in response to the faculty emails that were made public several weeks ago, and to the article about Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in this past *Holcad* issue. There are some issues we feel that need to be discussed in regards to the entire situation.

First, we would like to state that the discussion that went on among the faculty over email was offensive. Not just to the minority students, but to all of us. The fact that making Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a day off for the campus is such a hassle only tells us that some- not all- of the faculty do not truly understand what the day is about. While some people on this campus are complaining about having the day off simply because everyone else does, we are neglecting the reason why we even had this day established. Martin Luther King, Jr. was not just an African-American preacher fighting for equality for African-Americans; he was fighting to give us a world free of discrimination. This world benefits all people of all nationalities, when one looks at it from a different perspective. One does not have to be a minority student to appreciate King for the man he was, and to take up his cause and beliefs. The fact that the faculty- again, some, not all- is more concerned about scheduling conflicts tells me that they either have forgotten or are simply not aware of why some students are demanding the day off.

Secondly, the article we read in the last *Holcad* issue contains a statement, which reads, "If given the day off, students would observe the holiday by going to the mall or something else." We will admit that some students only want the day off simply because everyone else does, and they would like to spend it, as the statement says, shopping or doing something else. However, to those of us who actually recognize and observe the day, you are lumping us in with those who do not take the holiday seriously, and in effect punishing us for others' actions.

Lastly, we read in the past issue that the school is considering taking away one week of our winter break to make up for one day missed in class. We would like to know how missing one day affects missing one week. This act is simply punishing the students for wanting to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and having to choose between the two would create dissension amongst the students on this campus. We agree that the college should choose the option they think best for the students of this college, but we also feel that too many faculty members are so closed off from diversity that they can't see the conflict for what it truly is.

Thank You

Nicole McDorman
Tracy Gulling

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to the policy against the use of stove ranges, toasters, toaster ovens and other cooking appliances that pose a fire hazard in campus housing. Many students would appreciate the freedom to prepare their own food while living on campus. This would allow students to have a more diverse range of menu choices available and to eat during times that the dining hall and grille are not open. I am sure that many students other than myself have gone to the dining hall at times and have not been satisfied with the menu items. Currently the alternatives are to eat food at the grille, whatever one can microwave or to spend money eating off of campus. The ability to cook on campus with something other than a microwave would offer more nutritious selections than fast food or Ramen noodles.

I am aware the college is concerned about the risk of fire using these cooking appliances. The vast majority of Westminster students are responsible enough to prepare food without starting a fire or filling a residence hall with smoke. There is no way to guarantee students will not do stupid things that pose fire hazards, as it is burnt popcorn from microwaves set off the fire alarms occasionally. However the administration must realize students are mature enough to use cooking appliances without starting fires.

Matt Lauffer

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Brad and Adriann go to the movies

Zoolander

...to the runway!

Adriann Popovich

I can honestly say that when I saw the previews for *Zoolander*, I thought the film would be entertaining. Well, now that I have seen the film, I am disappointed to say the least. Ben Stiller wrote, directed and starred in this *Austin Powers* wannabe that makes a mockery of the fashion industry.

Stiller plays Derek Zoolander, a world famous model who has won the "Male Model of the Year Award" for three consecutive years. The movie begins as he waits to see if this year will make four. When the winner is announced and Derek walks up to the podium to receive the award, he is humiliated when he realizes he is not the winner. The younger, free-spirited Hansel, played by Owen Wilson, breaks Derek's streak.

Derek, now stunned that he is no longer number one, takes the time to analyze his life and realizes that there are things more important than being "really, really good looking." While this is happening, Derek has no idea that his fate is being mapped out by his agent and designer of the moment, Mugatu, played by Will Ferrel. Mugatu is planning the assassination of Malaysia's Prime Minister and has decided Derek is the perfect hit man.

Now why, you wonder, would a fashion designer want to assassinate a world leader? Obviously, it's because the Prime Minister wants to abolish child labor in his country, which would ruin the fashion industry as we know it. Manufacturing costs would rise, which would result in higher prices for already ridiculously over-priced items. As Mugatu's team of thugs kidnaps Derek and brainwashes him so that he can carry out the job, *Time* magazine reporter Matilda Jones (Christine Taylor) tries to uncover Mugatu's dark past. Sound confusing? Well, it is, but not to worry...the plot unfolds slowly enough for the main characters to get the point, so anyone old enough to read should be able to comprehend.

The most enjoyable parts of this film are the scenes that pit Stiller against Wilson; both models are completely clueless and when they try to match wits the results are surprisingly funny. There are other moments when the film seems to surpass its theme of utter stupidity with fairly intelligent humor. Most of the film, however, is lost in a thick haze of stupidity.

Ohiopyle State Park: Staley breaks for the great outdoors

By Beth Staley
A&E EDITOR

Although Fall Break is over, many people may not have fulfilled their need for a good, long break. If you're one of those people and you're looking for something to do other than a movie, party, shopping excursion, or restaurant stop, you could take a small road trip to Ohiopyle State Park.

Located in the city of Ohiopyle, Pa., the park offers 19,000 acres of wilderness that are home to the Laurel Mountains. The word "Ohiopyle" comes from the native Americans and means white, frothy water. It is appropriately named because its main attraction is the Youghiogheny River Gorge. This 14-mile long river offers some of the best whitewater rafting and kayaking in the eastern United States. Guided river tours are available on the lower sections of the river, which provide class III and VI rapids. Canoes and rafts can be rented for use on the upper sections of the river, which provide Class I and II rapids.

If you're not in the mood to brave the rapids, then you can just admire them. There are 28 miles of trails for bikers and hikers overlooking the Youghiogheny River and its waterfalls. For serious bikers, there is also a dedicated mountain-bike trail.

I have been visiting Ohiopyle for years, and my favorite activity is biking on the trails along the Youghiogheny River. The scenery is breathtaking, and several stops offer benches and picnic sites for resting. You can park your bike and follow trails down to the beach of the Youghiogheny. Tourists and locals are always friendly and smiling. About 12 miles from Ohiopyle, the trail takes bikers into Confluence, Pa. Like Ohiopyle, Confluence is a quaint, friendly little town. At the tip of the bike trail, you can enjoy ice cream at the small pizza parlor along River Road, or stroll down to the River's Edge Café for a delicious and affordable gourmet meal.

Ohiopyle has always been one of my favorite places in this state. I don't believe you'll find air as fresh anywhere else. This place will offer a sense of peace and tranquility that is hard to comprehend amidst the violence and tragedy filling the news.

If you plan on staying at Ohiopyle, there is a 226-site campground with platform tents and cottages. If you're not sure what you want to do or how long you want to stay, don't worry. It is a day-use area with parking and scenic overlooks, and you can take some pictures, have a picnic and leave.

Photo by Beth Staley

The Youghiogheny River at Ohiopyle.

Here is a list of things to do at Ohiopyle: camping, hiking, backpacking, wheelchair trails and camps, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, mountain-biking, freshwater fishing, big game and upland hunting, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, bird watching, nature viewing, guided tours, scenic drives, picnicking and children's activities. Restaurants and lodging are nearby. For information or reservations, call the Visitor Center at 724-329-8591 or 888-727-2757. The park is open year-round, and best of all, there is no fee to enjoy the fresh air and beauty of Ohiopyle State Park.

Hollywood alters films in response to Sept. 11 tragedy

By Kara Stivason
STAFF WRITER

Since the Sept. 11 tragedies, movie studios are reevaluating their films to make sure potentially threatening or offensive themes and images are not released. Films that deal with terrorism or that contain shots of the World Trade Center or the Pentagon are being cut, shelved or reconsidered.

One film set to undergo changes is *Men in Black 2*. According to E! Television, Sony's Columbia Pictures (which is co-producing the picture with Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment), announced its plans to alter the climax (already filmed), set near the World Trade Center. "We are now in the process of looking at the alternatives," a Sony representative said.

Arnold Schwarznegger's upcoming revenge thriller, *Collateral Damage*, in which he plays a firefighter whose family is killed when a downtown skyscraper is destroyed in a massive terrorist bomb blast, is not going to be released for some time.

Columbia Pictures stopped running all previews of its 2002 summer release, *Spider Man*. The preview depicted the web slinger catching two bank robbers by stretching a web between the World Trade Center's Twin Towers. The studio pulled the preview from the internet and recalled sheets that showed the towers reflected in Spider Man's eyes.

DreamWorks is recalling posters for its Oct. 12 prison drama, *The Last Castle*, starring Robert Redford and James Gandolfini. The posters, already adorning bus stops and train stations nationwide, portray an upside-down American flag, a sign of distress. According to the New York Times, the studio said it believed it was too much for anguished Americans to handle.

Another halted project is *Nose Bleed*, Jackie Chan's next action-comedy for MGM. That film, featuring Chan duking it out with terrorists atop the Empire State Building while doing his usual death-defying stunts, will undergo several major revisions.

"When horrific events like this happen, one has to do the right thing-movies really have to come second," Amritaj, producer of *Nose Bleed*, told the Los Angeles Times. "I certainly wouldn't want to be involved with any projects where there are terrorists and bombs in skyscrapers. It's just too traumatic a subject."

Meanwhile, producers of the upcoming Al Pacino movie, *People I Know*, are trying to figure out what to do with a sequence involving images of the World Trade Center. In the drama, which was filmed earlier this year in the New York City, Pacino plays a New York publicist who wanders around the financial district while high on drugs and has hallucinations involving the Twin Towers.

Not all movies are being canceled because of offensive themes or images. Some are just holding out until they can be properly marketed. Flicks like the Denzel Washington movie, *Training Day*, and Ed Burns' romantic comedy, *Sidewalks of New York*, were pushed back.

Students are having mixed reactions to these decisions. Some feel that the movie industry is being respectful of people affected by the tragedy. Others feel it is not necessary.

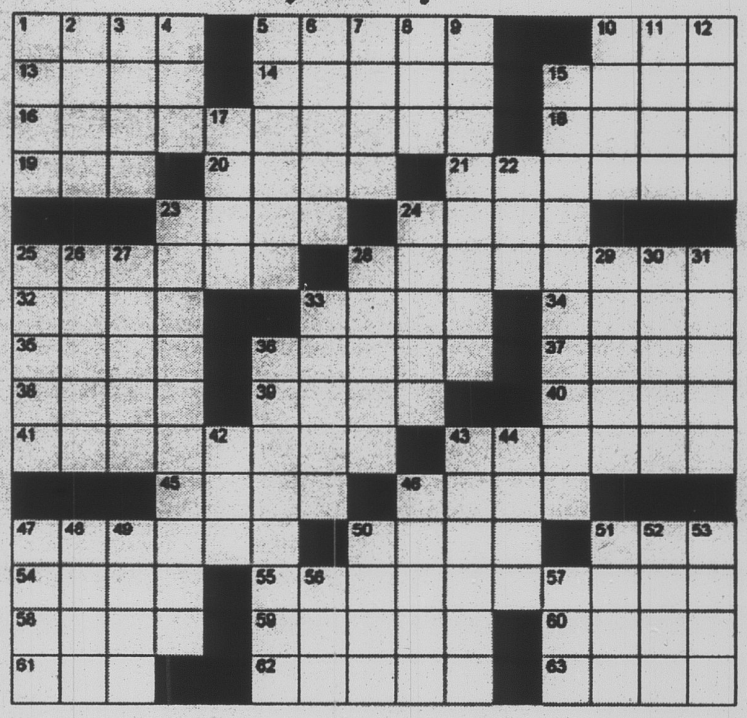
"It was very responsible of them to take action and be considerate in taking into account the feelings of viewers," senior Laura Beth Mours said.

"It is respectful that the industry has more on its mind than just the money," sophomore Mike Schnetz said. Although sophomore Pam Englert agrees with these statements, she said, "It is a hard call to make, on one hand, I agree that there is a need to be respectful towards victims, but we need to return to a sense of normalcy."

Crossword 101

Body Language

By Ed Canty



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10 Nixon's First Lady
13 Clinton's canal
14 Slipknot
15 Low-pitched sound
16 Close finish at Aqueduct
18 Song
19 Dynamite
20 Assist
21 Fruit juice
23 Wheel centers
24 Listen
25 Pact
28 Where cruisers cruise
32 Acquire by effort
33 Notoriety
34 Shopping spree, e.g.
35 Elderly
36 More cunning
37 Brought into existence
38 Hare Krishna, e.g.
39 Laborer
40 Actor Baldwin
41 Tallinn resident
43 Pedals
45 Barnyard residents
46 Acquired
47 Gilbert and Sullivan work (with "The")
50 Horse carriage
51 Gal of song
54 Kiln
55 Eyeball to eyeball
58 Precedes grant & rover
59 Signal
60 Contributions to the poor
61 Printers' measures
62 More rational
63 Poor grades

Down

1 Monthly payment
2 Press
3 Knuckle sandwich
4 Precedes shirt or ball
5 Pretentious
6 Cornbreads
7 Shout for
8 Donkey
9 Prom person
10 Role
11 China container
12 Former Russian big wig
15 Consecutive home runs
17 Tense
22 Period
23 Combat description
24 Gym attendees
25 Raise the hair
26 Throws a fit
27 Build
28 Fabric
29 Mythical creature
30 Harmonize
31 Adjusts
33 Chiggers
36 Corporate newborns
42 Actor Beatty
43 Painter perhaps
44 Mr. Ma
46 Not here
47 Double agent
48 Tennis star Lendl
49 Starr & Anderson
50 Scrutinize
51 Bargain event
52 Peak
53 Fewer
56 Precedes king or mode
57 Craze

Quotable Quote

We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.

• *Will Rogers*

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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers:

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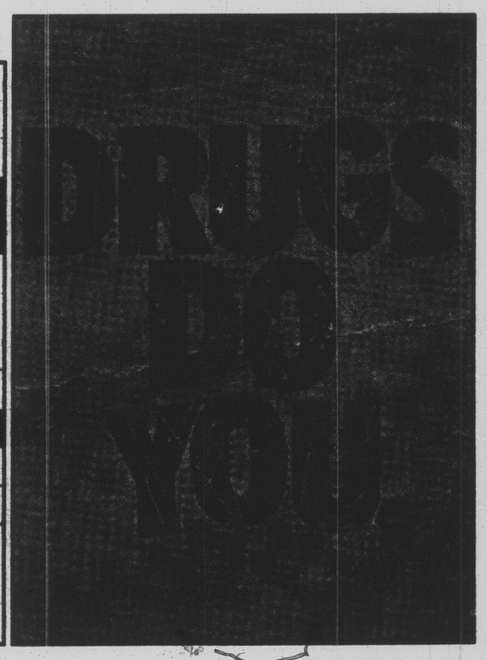


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Don't believe everything you hear, and make sure to check your sources and facts. If you find yourself in a tense and confining situation, call a time-out, thinking about the best approach to take.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)
Use your intellect to solve a particular problem. Keeping your perspective will help you to hold your temper and avoid any unnecessary blowups about trivial matters. Relationships are present on your mind, don't deny any emotional turmoil that's brewing.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)
Use your imagination and ingenuity to make the right impression with those around you, especially in the workplace. Love is not only on your mind, but present all around. You may be in the middle of an intense new relationship, or an old flame may reappear.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)
You're craving something different, which could have a negative effect on something or someone dear to you. Someone is likely to hurt your delicate feelings during the week--telling you to not be so sensitive is like telling you not to breathe...try to relax.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)
Two very opposite qualities need to be combined into a whole, something that will work best for you. You've got your work cut out for you. Stick with what you know, it makes you comfortable.

VIRGO: (August 24-September 23)
Don't use your energies in ways that create a destructive end, no matter how tempting. It might be for the best to take time out from a relationship that seems to be going nowhere. Do something extra special for a family member who is having a tough time.

LIBRA: (September 24-October 23)
Consider all things that are truly of value to you and put your energies behind them. Use your monies in a responsible way, long term investing is probably your best bet. Attend to all financial details now, and it will save you time and money later.

SCORPIO: (October 24-November 22)
You value honesty and openness in relationships, and letting others know this will enhance any bonding that occurs. You are long overdue for a dose of relaxation and pampering--maybe a specially planned weekend away will do the trick.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23-December 21)
Take any changes in stride and you will see that something new suits your purposes better than you would have ever expected. Look to positive long-term plans in order to subdue your anxieties. Make creative ideas attractive by gearing them to the needs of others.

CAPRICORN: (December 22-January 20)
Both compassion and flexibility are necessary throughout the week. Someone close is going through a rough time and may be wallowing in self-pity, there is little you can do about it. Try to overcome any nervousness you may feel, your support will no doubt turn the tide.

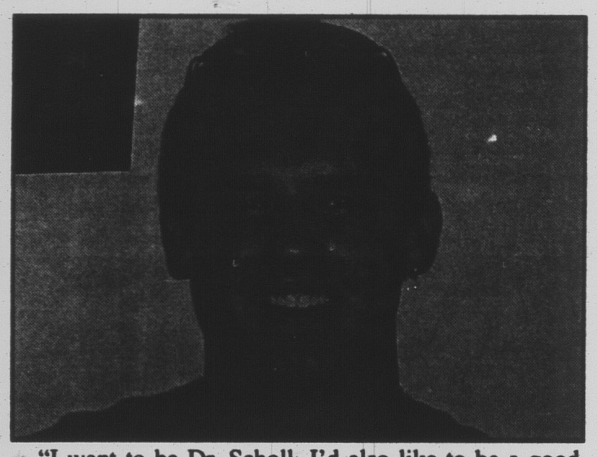
AQUARIUS: (January 21-February 19)
Your assertive approach at work will win you more friends than enemies. Keep a close watch on activities at home to insure a positive outcome.

PISCES: (February 20-March 20)
It is very important to recognize your own limitations, and not take on something for which you are not equipped. If a spat occurred between you and a loved one, find common ground where both of you can get what you need most now. Listen to others' ideas and broaden your perspective.

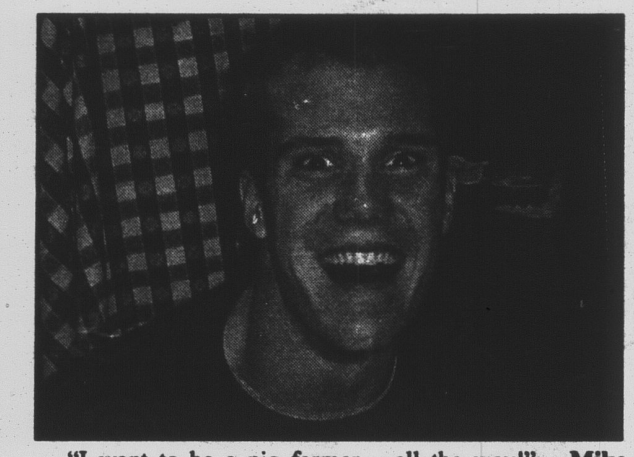
IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Find clever and creative ways to express your feelings towards a loved one, making sure the message comes across exactly as you intended. Plan for an escape retreat to relax and enjoy all around you, and you will be surprised at how quickly your energy is rejuvenated.

FEATURE

Question of the week: What do you want to be when you "grow up"?



"I want to be Dr. Scholl. I'd also like to be a good father and a good family man. Happy – I wanna be happy." – **Dr. Matt Scholl, senior**



"I want to be a pig farmer – all the way!" – **Mike Schnetz, sophomore**

"I want to take over hosting for the TV show *Blind Date*." - **E.J. Campbell, senior**

"I want to be a ballerina/witch/princess/cat and that was what I was for Halloween for three years when I was little." – **Sara Kimbell, sophomore**

" I want to be a physics teacher." – **Brad Merklin, freshman**

"I either want to be a math teacher or a pickle taste taster." – **Missy Fye, senior**

"I have no idea." - **Crystal Brian, junior**

"When I was 4, I wanted to be a garbage woman. But now, I want to be a historic preservationist or a nun." – **Rita Longan, senior**

"No clue. I can't even figure out what I want to do when I get out of here. Work for the U.N. or something like that." – **Ken Jae, sophomore**

Deals were smoking at the Fireman's Auction on Sept. 29

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

As much as I didn't want to wake up early on a Saturday morning, my roommates, Beth Staley and I decided to do so anyway. We were more than excited to attend this year's Fireman's Auction in town, held on Sept. 29.

The Fireman's Auction is an annual fundraising event for the New Wilmington Fire Department, held at the fire hall. There is an auction, as the name implies, but prior to that auction, a large flea market is held where patrons can purchase anything from jewelry to farm equipment.

There is also a wide variety of "junk"—from old stuffed animals to homemade pottery as well as vast assortments of glassware, souvenir items from other small towns, and figurines for any occasion imaginable. For instance, I saw a wide variety of "Grandpa Figurines" perfect for Grandparent's Day. If your Grandma's name is Stella, you missed out; there was a picture devoted to a grandmother bearing that name.

There was a quite a large crowd – townspeople as well as the Amish. Fresh fruit and vegetables were sold, as were rows upon rows of books. Refreshments were also sold outside.

The campus community also seems to frequent the Fireman's Auction – whether out of boredom or out of the hopes that "treasures" will be found. While there, we saw many students, as well as some faculty and their families. We attended the Fireman's Auction in search of treasure. We found it too.

My roommate purchased an old (and rather large) red vase with Asian figures on it for $2. She plans to paint it black and make a table out of it. She also found an old brooch and a hand-stitched bandanna. My other roommate purchased an old suitcase – she collects them, also at a reasonable price.

I, on the other hand, did not fare too well. I frequented the jewelry table and found a pair of earrings (which are in dire need of disinfection). I looked at the pictures as well. I almost bought a picture of a cat painted on black velvet, but alas, it wouldn't have matched the décor in our room.

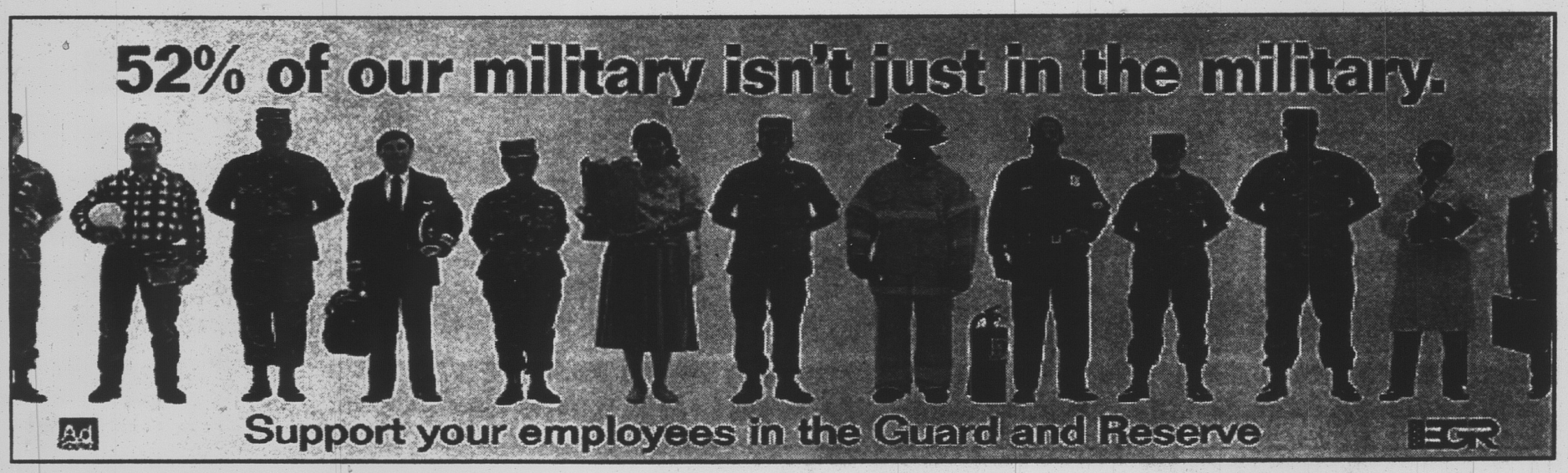
Beth Staley, *The Holcad*'s own Arts and Entertainment editor, had some great finds. She bought mostly jewelry.

"I found two rings that were extremely cheap but so fun, but the coolest part of the Fireman's Auction was picking stuff out with Molly (Weaver) and Lani because between the three of us, we have amazing taste," Staley said. "I got a great plastic flower necklace that could not be found in any store that has a legal license to sell things. It's just really wild."

We wondered around the various tables for about two and a half hours. The most difficult part of the Fireman's Auction was maneuvering your way to the table itself. You had to wait for an opening and then pounce. These tactics began to weigh on our strength and we decided to call it quits. We had found our treasures and were ready to leave.

All in all, the Fireman's Auction was a success. If anything, it was an enjoyable way to spend a Saturday morning. If you aren't an early riser, the auction begins selling paper bags for $2. You can fill this bag with as much junk as you want in the mid-afternoon of the auction. It is also a great way to help the town of New Wilmington.

"Students who are really poor should go to the Fireman's Auction next year and buy their Christmas presents," Staley said.



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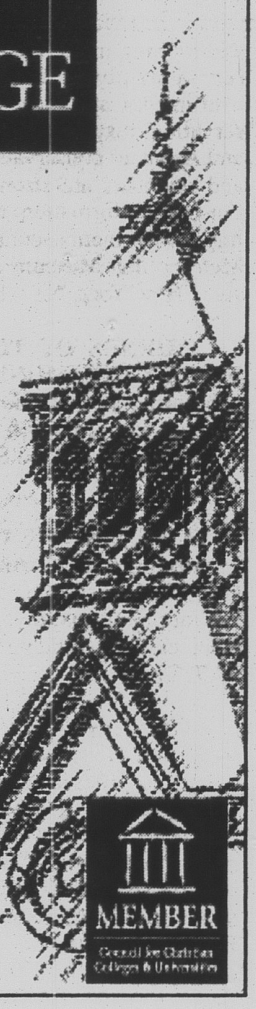

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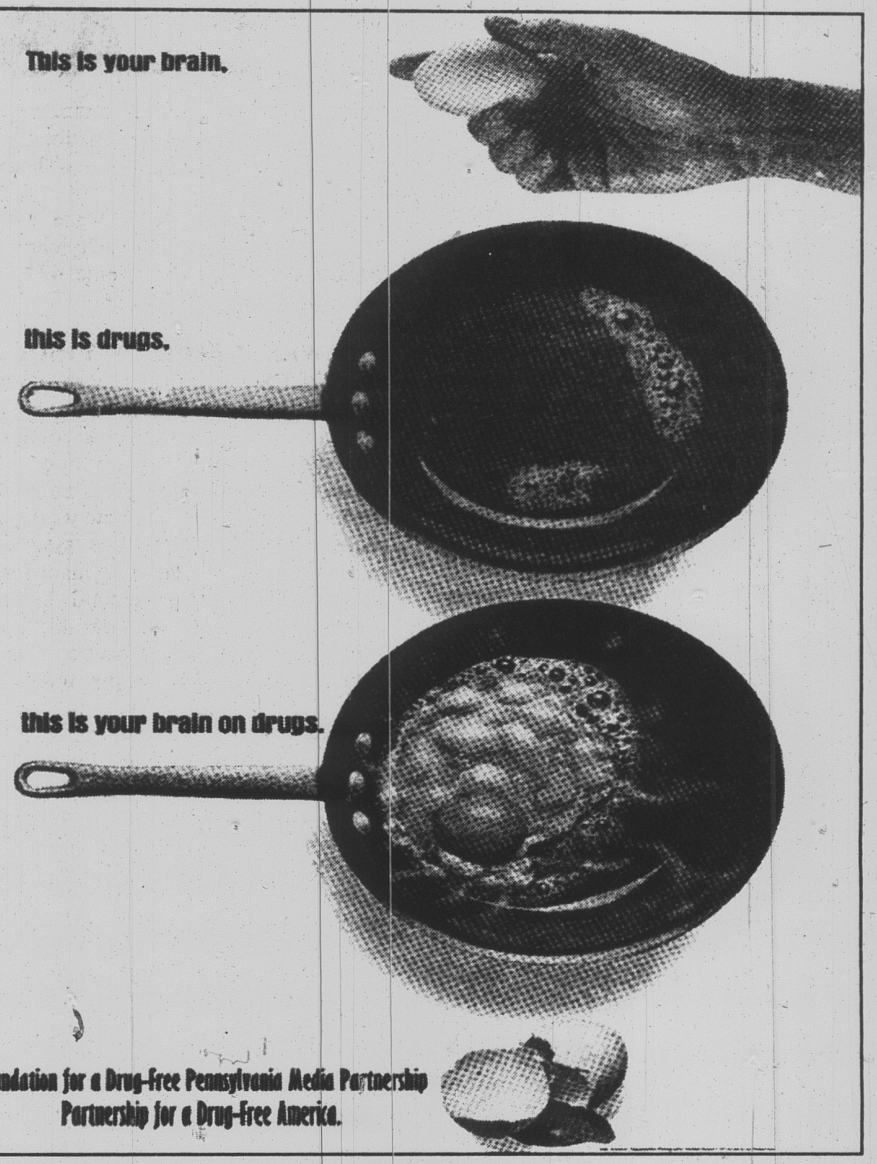

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THE ICE HOCKEY CLUB is seeking approval as a student organization. The purpose of the club is to further develop the skills of the game and to promote the ideas of sportsmanship among the college community.

THE STUDENT WESTMINSTER ADMISSIONS TEAM is seeking recognition as a student organization. The purpose of SWAT is to open communications between prospective students and Westminster students.

Objections to any of the new organizations should be directed to Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of Student Affairs.

THE SALVATION ARMY is looking for holiday volunteers for the Christmas Kettle Challenge. Volunteers are needed for this community service program to adopt a kettle to collect donations. For more information contact Carey Sheide at (412) 394-4801 or check the web site http://www.wepasa.org or write to The Salvation Army Development Department, c/o Carey Scheide, 424 Third Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15219.

LAWRENCE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES has three paid internships/jobs available. One position involves working with at-risk youth on a one-on-one basis. This position would provide basic skills tutoring, assist with work readiness, help facilitate workshops, shadow case managers, and assist with case management and case management documentation. The second position gives experience in the operations of a child care facility. This position involves learning the process of the food reimbursement program, practice in maintaining paperwork on the children and staff; and assisting in the development and implementation of child care curriculum. The third position also involves early childhood development, but this job provides hands-on care for children ages six weeks to 12 years. This position also involves assisting with facilitated learning, developing lesson plans, and communicating with parents. Résumés for any of these positions can be faxed to Mrs. Nancy Welker at (724) 658-7664.

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART is offering fellowships in conservation. This position includes studying and training in the areas of painting conservation, object conservation, musical instruments, arms and armor, paper conservation, textile conservation, costumes, and Asian art conservation. Art historians and scientists are strong urged to apply. For more information, check the web site http://www.metmuseum.org or write The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10028-0198.

FRIENDS OF THE SHENANGO VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY is sponsoring a book sale Thursday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday & Saturday Oct. 5 & 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 7, 1-4 p.m.

JAMESON HEALTHPLACE is sponsoring a flu vaccine clinic Thursday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m.-2p.m. Cost is $15. For more information on other sites available, call the Student Health Center at EXT. 7927.

LIFE LINE SCREENING, sponsored by the New Wilmington Senior Center, is offered Wednesday, Oct. 24. This screening involves three non-invasive tests to: Carotid Vascular Test, $40; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Test, $40; and Ankle Brachial Index Test, $40; or all three for $99. An Osteoporosis Screening Test is also offered which is $30, but women who sign up for all four pay $125. Call 1-800-407-4557 for the required pre-registration or for more information or visit the web site http://www.lifeline-screening.com.

ZTA SHOOT FOR A CURE 3-on-3 basketball tournament Sunday, Nov. 4. Sign up outside the cafeteria.

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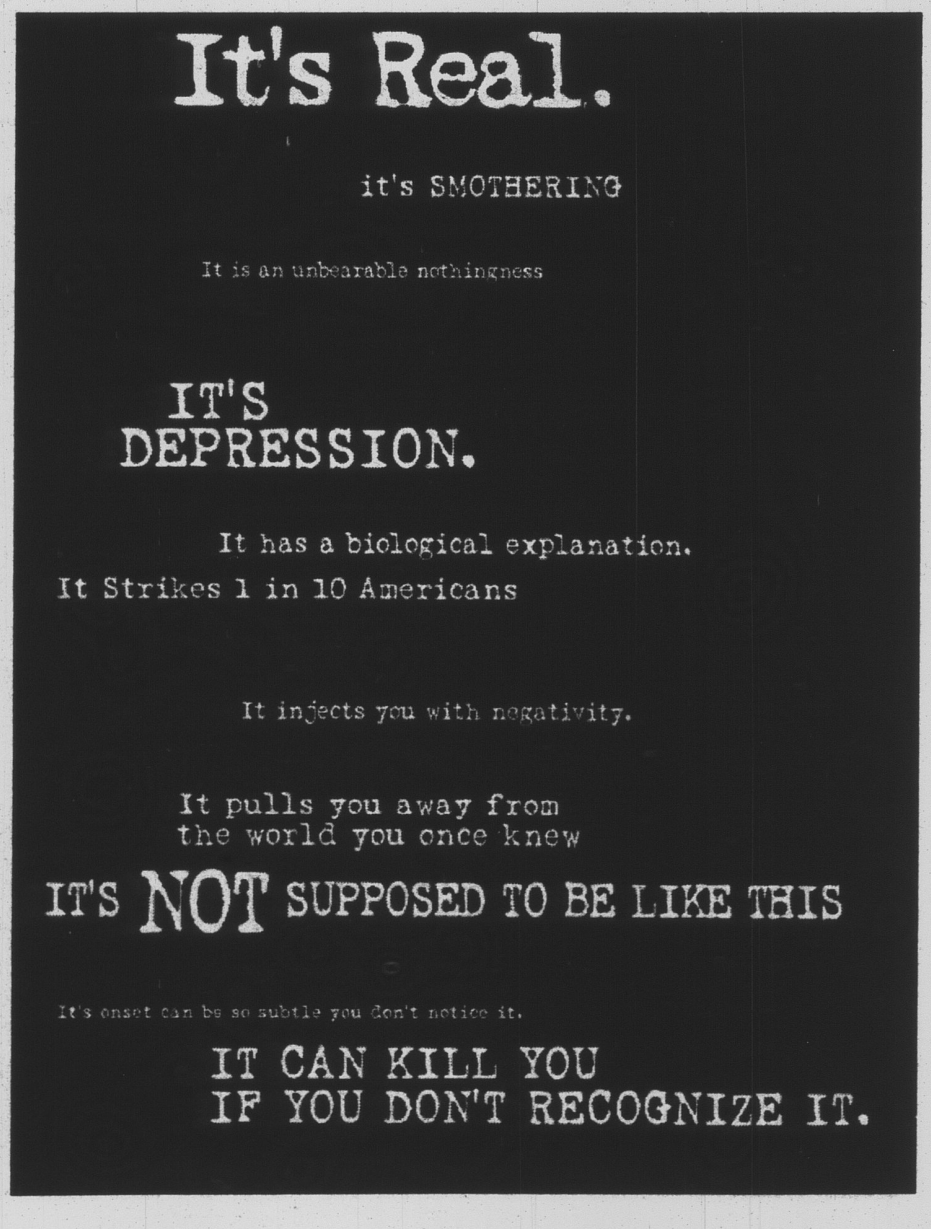

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 12
HOMECOMING WEEKEND BEGINS
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Josten Ring Day - Bookstore Lobby
11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:00 p.m. Men's and Women's Cross Country vs. Geneva/Grove City (H)
5:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Grove City (H)
7:15 p.m. Volleyball vs. Bethany (H)
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 13
HOMECOMING
Sigma Phi Epsilon Founders Day
Kappa Delta Alumnae Reception - Chapter Room (Following Parade)
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Josten Ring Day - Bookstore Lobby
Phi Mu Alumnae Brunch
1:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Allegheny
1:30 p.m. Football vs. Thiel (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents: Andrew Kennedy (comedian) - Down Under

SUNDAY 14
HOMECOMING
2:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Denison (H)
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 15
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Waynesburg (H)
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 16
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship Interviews
3:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Mercyhurst (H)
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship - Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Orchestra - Orr Auditorium
7:15 p.m. Volleyball vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)
8:00 p.m. Foreign Film Festival: Kolya - Down Under
9:45 p.m. Mortar Board Meeting - PH 231
Kappa Delta Open House

WEDNESDAY 17
Convert Incomplete Grades - Registrar's Office
First-Year Students' Mid-Term Grades Due
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship Interviews
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Joe Balczon - HSC 166
4:00 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Thiel
4:00 p.m. Last Lecture Series - Down Under
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship - Down Under
Sigma Kappa Open House

THURSDAY 18
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship Interviews
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Flu Vaccine Clinic - Jameson HealthPLACE
9:30 a.m. CCO Staff Meeting - Down Under
Noon to 6:00 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive - Old 77
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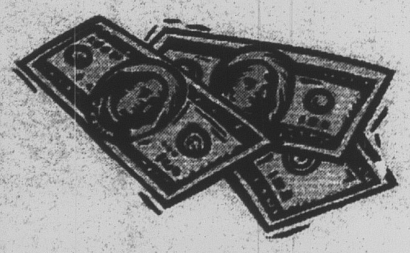

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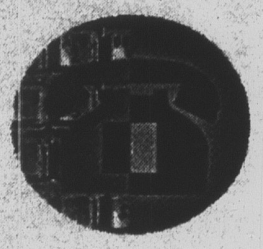

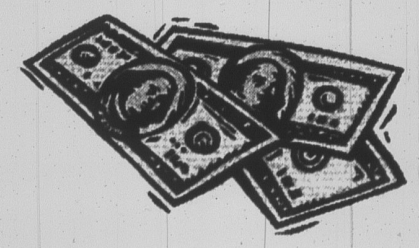

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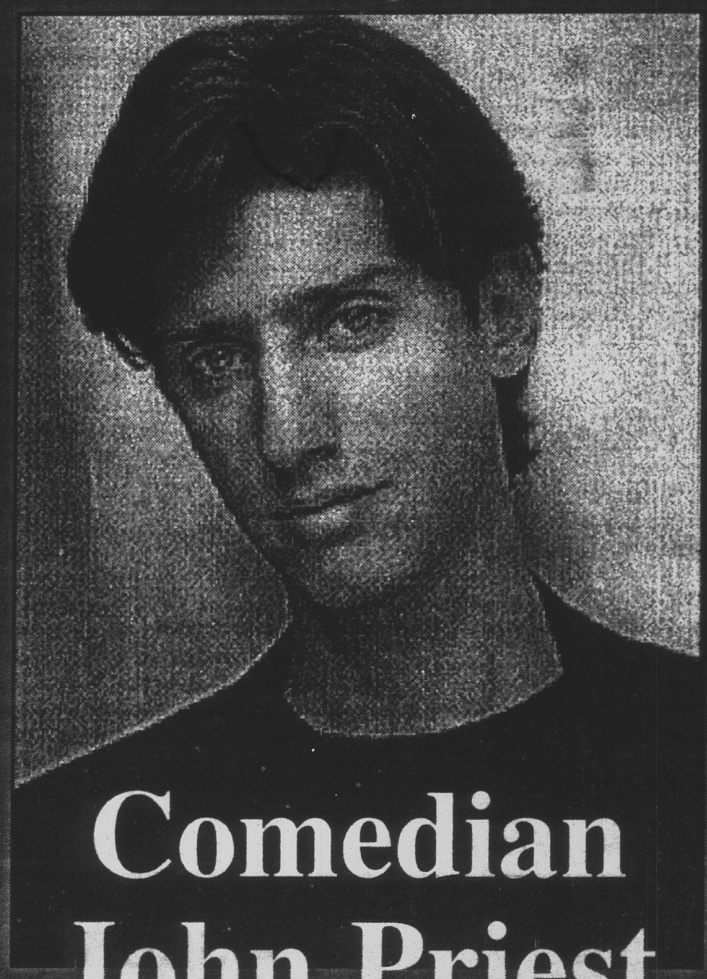

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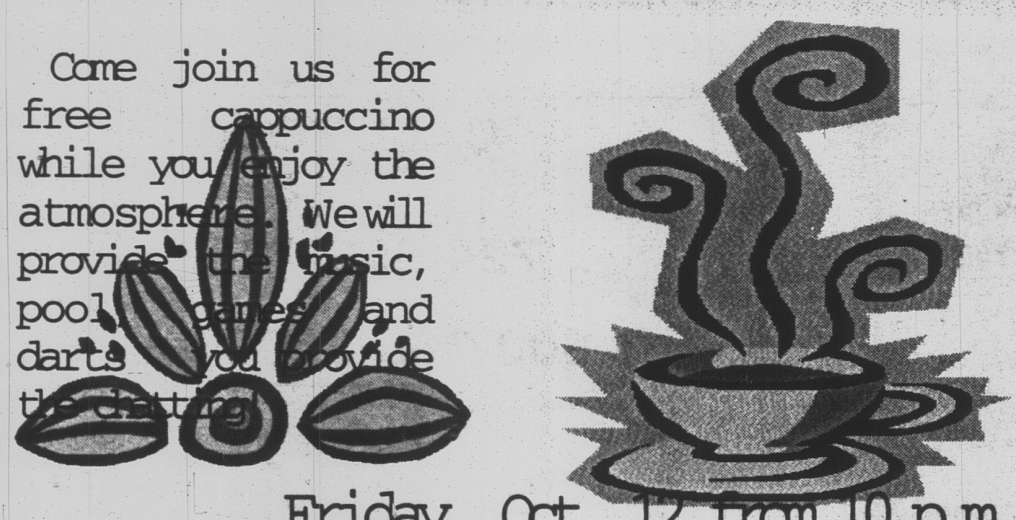

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Homecoming 2001 unites campus

Photo by Joe Gill

President Williamson congratulates the Homecoming queen, Jerilyn Matejka.

By Jon McKay and Biz Adams
STAFF WRITERS

Usually Friday afternoons on campus mean a plethora of available parking spaces. Last weekend was different. The college celebrated Homecoming with a weekend of events like no other during the academic year, and there was not a parking place to be found.

The weekend began with a variety of events on Friday afternoon, including a hospitality reception, campus tour and dinner. Football was also in the air Friday, as the college's women took to the gridiron for the SGA powder puff game.

"That was a great way to kick off homecoming weekend," junior Katie Behling said. "The girls looked like they were having a lot of fun out there."

Saturday morning brought more festivities, starting with Breakfast with Books at McGill Library. The breakfast was followed by the traditional attraction of the weekend, the parade.

The theme for this year's parade was "A World of Possibilities," and several campus organizations chose a major and decorated a float accordingly. The class of 1951 judged the floats from the sidelines, protected by a blue and white tent and cheering bravely through the morning cold and drizzle. Phi Mu walked away with first prize for their float with a biology theme.

Sophomore Jason Davis felt the parade promoted some much-needed unity for the campus. "I enjoyed it because it gave the students and their respective organizations an opportunity to work together," Davis said. "These floats were great. It's amazing what students can do when they work as a team."

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Titans pound Thiel with 15-10 win

By Bobby Fisher
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Titan football team kept the winning Homecoming tradition alive this past weekend with a 15-10 come-from-behind win over PAC rival Thiel College.

The win improves the Titans' record to 2-4. The Titans have won 47 of the last 51 Homecoming matches.

The win didn't start off in Titan hands, however. The Titans were down 10-0 in the first quarter after a Tomcat field goal and touchdown pass.

Then a Titan touchdown off the hands of sophomore quarterback Matt Robison and into the hands of sophomore wide receiver Steven Scott just before halftime brought the score to 10-6.

"This was a big play that we needed. I was lucky to get open. Most of the defensive backs went towards Brian Lipiello and I was lucky Matt found me," Scott said.

The tables turned for good in the second half. The Titans racked up another three points in the third quarter with a 31-yard field goal off the foot of freshman kicker Josh Simpson. Sophomore reserve quarterback Kevin Huber scored on a two-yard option run late in the third and brought the Titans ahead 15-10. A fourth-quarter Thiel fumble allowed the Titans to cement the win.

"We practiced all week, and the coaches told me if I went in I would run option plays, so I was fully prepared for that play," Huber said.

Robinson passed for 202 yards in the game, with 15 of 27 completed passes. Senior wide receiver Brian Lipiello totaled eight catches for 127 total completion yards. Scott

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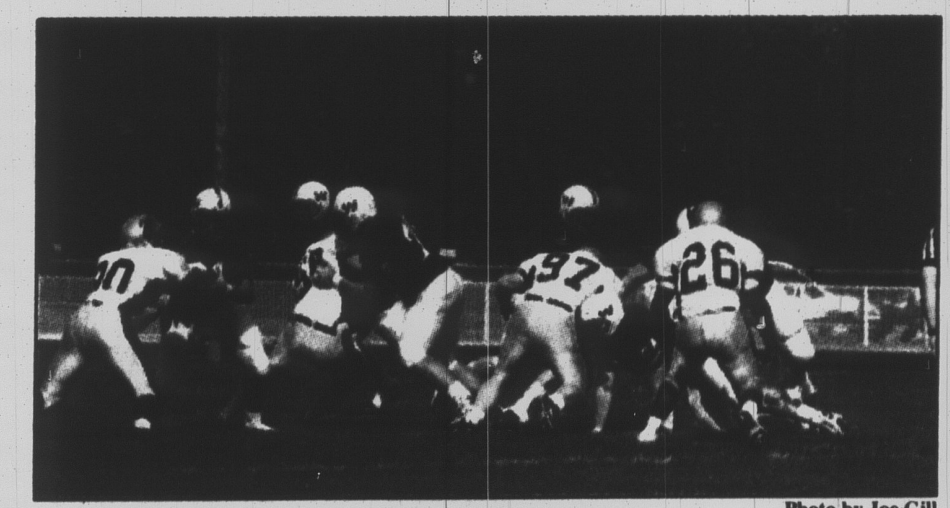

Photo by Joe Gill

Titan football took another Homecoming victory on Saturday.

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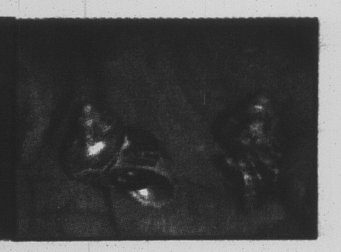

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CAMPUS NEWS

Committee discussed options for having MLK Day off

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

The Curriculum Operations Committee has come up with three possible options to address the concern about having classes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The changes will not be put into effect until the 2003-2004 school year.

The first proposal entails extending the Christmas break to six weeks instead of the already lengthy five weeks. This option would require students to return to campus one full week after Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The second option brings students back to campus after four weeks of Christmas break. Then, to allow for no class on MLK Day, students would have to go to classes Monday through Saturday. Saturday would take the place of class on that Monday. This option still gives students a full two-day weekend.

The final option the committee discussed involved a four-week Christmas Break, but did require that classes be held on the Monday after Easter Break. This day of classes would make up for the Monday missed in observance of the day. Good Friday and the Monday after Easter have always been days off for students.

A definite decision has not been made yet. "Everything is pretty much up in the air right now," said Ian Durham, freshman and SGA representative to the COC.

Some students are concerned about the length of a six-week Christmas break when so many people already feel a five-week break is almost too much to bear. "We've had a five-week break in the past and it's already been longer than any other school, so I can't imagine being at home for six weeks," senior Lindsey Braem said. On the other hand, if break is shortened to only four weeks, it conflicts with study abroad programs and required internships.

The bottom line is that the school year requires a certain number of days of class and those requirements must be met. If a Monday is missed, another day of class needs to be held to make up for the absence.

The COC is doing its best to create an option that pleases everyone on campus, but the process requires time and important decision making. The next COC meeting will be a closed meeting.

"There are thousands of different points, pros and cons, on this subject, and it has already taken us six weeks to get to this point," Durham said.

Dormitory pet ideas: The good, the bad and the messy

By Geoffrey M. Balla
STAFF WRITER

The campus policy on having pets in the dorms limits student pet choice. The policy states that if the animal cannot be kept in an aquarium or tank, it cannot be kept in the room. Some students, however, do take advantage of the opportunity to have a dorm pet.

Fish can make excellent pets. They can be kept in small aquariums that can sit on dresser tops.

With the exception of changing the water in the tank and feeding them on a regular basis, fish are low-maintenance. A popular type of fish kept on campus is the Beta. These fish can live in a medium-sized vase.

Sophomore Sara Gleydura owns a Beta. "I have had Chino since spring semester last year," she said. "Since he can feed off of the plant, I do not have to worry about him while I go home for short breaks, and because the vase is sealed at the top where the plant is, he is easy to move around and take in a car when I need to bring him home," Gleydura said.

Students need to be careful when keeping more than one fish in a tank. If one gets sick, then it can get the others sick. If one fish happens to get sick and die, it is a good possibility that the others are in danger. For this reason it is important to change the aquarium water frequently and keep an extra small tank to separate a sick fish from the others.

Junior Joe Katich keeps a hermit crab on his desk. "They aren't the most interesting animals to watch at all, but just having one in my room puts a little more life into it. It is the easiest pet I have ever had to take care of," Katich said.

Having a pet in college can increase responsibility. Most students do not have the time to take care of a dog or cat. These kind of animals need room to exercise.

Students often do not have the funds necessary to care for larger pets. Investing in a fish or a hermit crab is not costly.

Students can still have these pets and not have to tend to them as much. They can concentrate on the more important aspects of college life.

Photo by Andi Majot
Klipper and other hermit crabs enjoy life in the dorm.

Jeans and ribbons worn campus-wide to support non-discrimination

Photo by Kristin Park
Members of Allies celebrate Jeans Day.

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

October marked the third celebration of Jeans Day on campus. Students, faculty and staff were encouraged to wear jeans in support of non-discrimination. Allies, the campus' gay/straight alliance group, sponsored the event.

Keen Compher, co-adviser of Allies, said he was impressed by the campus reaction.

"The campus reaction was generally very positive. There were fewer posters torn down, more participants, and few hate chalkings," Compher stated.

Compher said he also appreciated the faculty support.

"In many departments, all the faculty wore jeans or ribbons to signify their support of non-discrimination," Compher stated.

Allies held several informative meetings before Jeans Day so students could ask about the event. About 30 students and faculty attended meetings to prepare for the occasion.

"The informative meetings Allies held helped to head off any overtly negative reactions from the student body. Everyone was given ample chance to express how he or she felt and ask questions well before Jeans Day," junior Ryan Quallich said.

Some students noticed a positive change in the campus reaction to the event.

"I noticed some negativity on campus during Jeans Day of my freshman year. There were discriminatory chalkings and signs that seemed to upset people. This year was more relaxed and fun," junior Kathleen Behling said.

Senior Megan Mamula said shewas happy to participate in Jeans Day.

"I think it is a great way for people to express their beliefs on anti-discrimination. Everyone woke up on Jeans Day and had to make a choice about what they believe," Mamula said.

Sweetest Day speculations: real holiday or retail hoax?

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Maybe you spend it sending flowers to your girlfriend. Maybe you spend it serenading your boyfriend with a love song. Or maybe, like me, you spend it doing what you do every other day because you have no idea what in the world "Sweetest Day" is.

That's right, another Sweetest Day is creeping up on us. It seems like just yesterday we were taking down last year's Sweetest Tree. Depending on where you get your information, this year's Sweetest Day is either on Saturday, Oct. 20, or Sunday, Oct. 21. Better celebrate it both days to be sure.

So how do you celebrate Sweetest Day? When I received this assignment, I had never heard of Sweetest Day, let alone how to celebrate it. And after a few days of research, I think I'm even more confused.

The first website I visited told me, "Sweetest Day is the third Sunday in October." The second one I went to told me, "Sweetest Day is the third Saturday in October." Even the Internet can't get this day right.

I encountered a few anti-Sweetest Day websites. They all claimed that Hallmark was to blame for creating this "autumn Valentine's Day." OK, my first clue.

Apparently Sweetest Day is similar to Valentine's Day.

Then I found a site that explained, "Over 60 years ago a Cleveland man believing that the city's orphaned and sick children were forgotten and neglected, conceived the idea of showing them love and support. He distributed small gifts on a Saturday in October. During the following years, a lot more Clevelanders adopted the idea and started celebrating that day, which they named Sweetest Day." So, this holiday is about love and support for sick children? Those wacky Clevelanders.

Next, I find an online "Sweetest Day Gift Guide." Get this: suggested gifts for wives, girlfriends, mothers and grandmas: Bath mats and shower curtains.

Suggested gifts for husbands, boyfriends, fathers and grandfathers: DVD players, televisions and stereos. I'm in shock. How did we get from helping poor children to exchanging electronics?

Finally, I come to a "Sweetest Day Poems" website. I read the first one, and, after banging my head repeatedly against the desk, I decide to include it, because you need to know this is out there:

"Wanna be close to you all the time
Coz your love puts me on cloud nine
Guess the Beatles strummed this one just for me
"I'm in love with you honey, and I feel fine!"

Let's ignore the fact that the Beatles' lyric is mangled, and just concentrate on the fact that this is the worst poem any of us has ever read. "Coz"? If anyone sent me this, I'd think they hated me. This isn't like Valentine's Day at all.

At this point, I'm beginning to formulate a theory. Sweetest Day doesn't really exist. It's a hoax, an illusion like the monster in Lake Brittain or the end of campus construction. Everyone has his or her own take on it, but it's all speculation. Honestly, check a calendar. Any calendar, every calendar. It's just not there.

What a waste of a day. Actually, the big waste is the name. "Sweetest Day." We really could have done some great stuff with a holiday named "Sweetest Day." It could have been the sweetest day. But no. Instead it's just a made-up day from Cleveland some time in October to get people to send e-cards and boost bathmat and stereo sales.

So, do people actually do this? Do they exchange cards and DVD players and shower curtains? I had to know. I asked around campus, and most of the people ended up asking me the questions. When I explained as best I could, I heard: "That's stupid." "That's dumb." "That's chintzy." Luckily my spell check knows what chintzy is, because I don't. But I'm pretty sure Sweetest Day is chintzy.

Also, most of the people who I asked thought I was saying "Sweedish Day." Now there's a holiday I could enjoy. A whole day of paying homage to Jesper Parnevik and eating red gummy fish.

So here is the end of my Sweetest Day article (I feel like I'm compromising what's left of my journalistic integrity by even capitalizing the S). I completely failed in my attempt to educate the campus on what Sweetest Day is, and I hope now that you're more confused about the holiday than you were at the beginning, like I am. But just in case you're not, I'll leave you with an excerpt from the last website I visited, just as I found it, no retouching:

"Sweetest Day is an occasion which offers all of us opportunites to remember the sick, the aged, the orphaned, but also friends, relatives, and associates whose helpfulness of kindness we have enjoyed. Lots of people decide to get married on this special day."

Wow.

Affordable Halloween costume suggestions for college students

By Ian Willard
STAFF WRITER

Many students face the dilemma of wanting to buy a Halloween costume to go out and party in, but not having enough money.

Finding a Halloween costume can be a grueling task. Other than cost, the most common problem is that people of the college age want something simple and unrestrictive. Many, however, are afraid that a simple or cheap costume will look tacky or clichéd.

What costume shoppers sometimes overlook is that a cliché can also be a classic, and tacky can be taken as satirically clever. A simple white sheet with the eyes cut out will not only stand out at a party, but will receive praise for being frugal yet sheik.

Some people want more, though they may not be willing to spend more. A resourceful student will see that there are countless items in the average dorm room that can be made into a costume.

An expert on how to make a home-made costume is junior Bill Spero. "A few years ago I wore a pair of underwear over some tight sweat pants and a cape and went as a superhero."

If students are looking to buy a costume, a good place to start is thrift stores. Some very unusual objects can be found there. Clothes of almost any style can be found, and they are usually very cheap.

The final place to get a costume, without having to go to a specialty shop, is drug stores and large discount stores, such as Eckerd, Wal-Mart or K-Mart. One can find a variety of costumes at a range of prices.

Kathy Omer, Eckerd cashier, said that students tend to buy small items for Halloween. "Last year, a lot of kids bought wax lips or witch's hats." She went on to explain that the store doesn't sell many full costumes, but students like one or two small items in the under $5 price range.

The common trend for college students is not to wear costumes, but to have one or two small items to be festive. For most college students, less is more.

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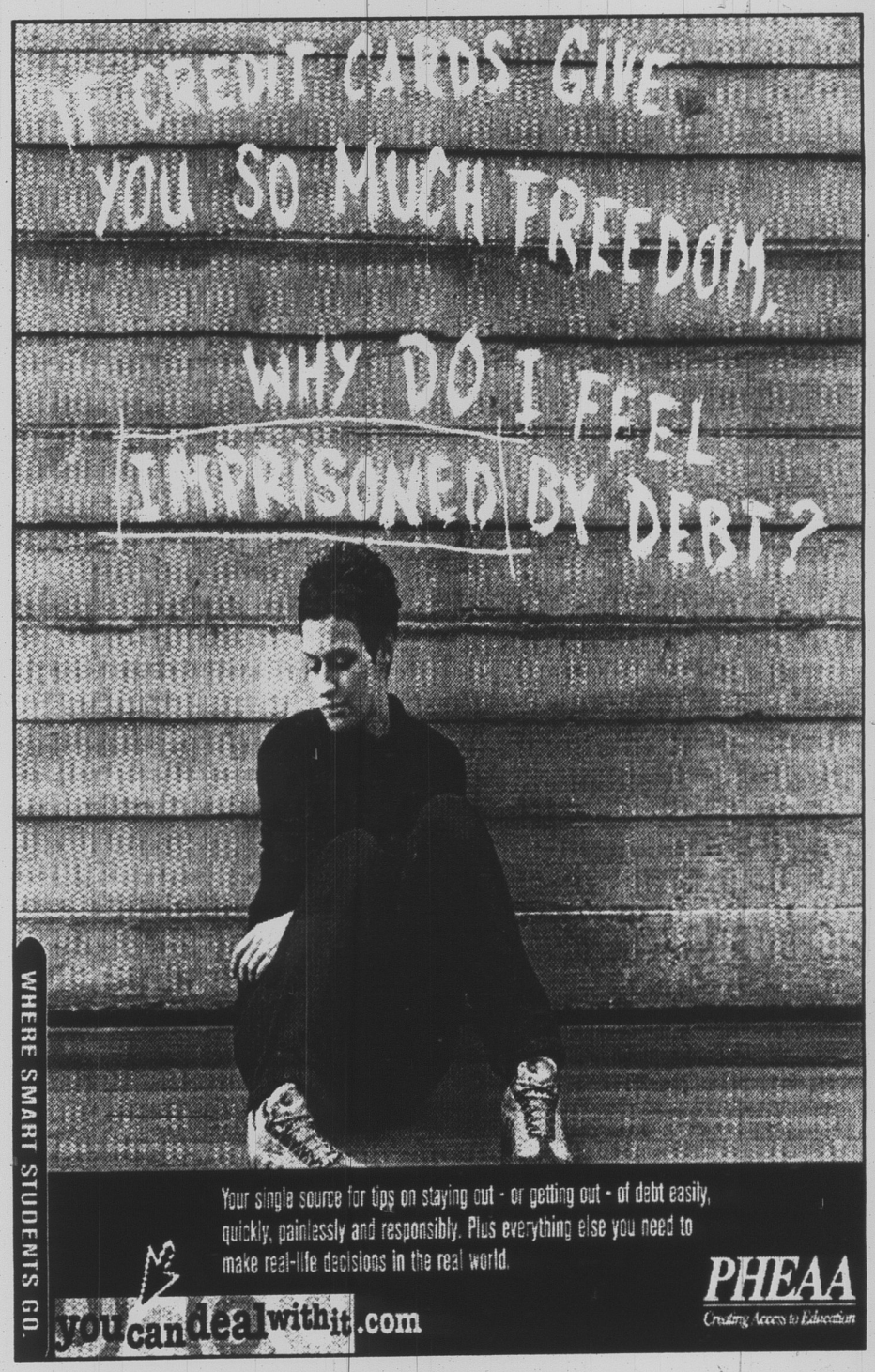
Shortly after the parade, all alumni in attendance were invited to a picnic in Anderson Amphitheatre. The picnic served as a meeting place for old friends, a medium to exchange stories, and a place to rally their Titan pride for the upcoming football game.

The Homecoming game provided as much excitement as the rest of the weekend. The football team improved to 2-4 as the Titans posted a 15-10 win over PAC rival Thiel College (1-5). With the victory, the Titans have posted wins in 47 of their last 51 Homecoming games dating back to 1951.

Finally, the Homecoming weekend was completed with the coronation of a new king and queen. This year, Jerilyn Matejka of Zeta Tau Alpha took the throne and a dozen roses as homecoming queen 2001. Jared Gashel of Sigma Phi Epsilon was king.

"It was great to see the community along with all of the students and alumni in the stands during the game," sophomore Ian Brown said. "This was my first year to see faces I recognized in the alumni crowd. I'm looking forward to next year."



AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Rooney family plans Jan. groundbreaking for new amphitheater

PITTSBURGH-The Rooney family said the first step in developing 25 acres near the Pittsburgh Steelers' new Heinz Field is the planned January groundbreaking for a new amphitheater.

Dan Rooney and Art Rooney II, the president and vice president of the Steelers, announced those plans Friday while taping the KD/PG Sunday edition show that will air locally Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on KDKA-TV. The show is a joint production of the station and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

In helping to finance Heinz Field and the Pirates' new home, PNC Park, government officials built in incentives for the teams to develop taxable businesses around their tax-exempt homes.

During Friday's taping, Art Rooney said the amphitheater could open by June if the January groundbreaking goes off as hoped.

The Rooneys have said the 5,000-seat facility would cost $5-$7 million, and wouldn't require public funding. They have discussed working with SFX Entertainment, which operates the tented IC Light Amphitheater across the confluence of the city's three rivers from Heinz Field.

The Rooneys are also asking developers for proposals to build a multi-use project including shops, restaurants, offices and a hotel near Heinz Field. Construction on that project could begin in early 2003 pending government approvals.

The Rooneys also addressed concerns raised about Heinz Field since it opened and are trying to figure out a way to tie that facility to North Shore Riverfront Park.

One possibility is opening a gate that would let people in the park walk onto a concrete plaza beneath the Sony Jumbotron scoreboard at Heinz Field.

"It would be a great way to come up from the boat docks," Dan Rooney said. "It would be an extension of the park" and could be used to showcase bands and a spot to hold rallies.

The Rooneys also addressed concerns about the stadium's acoustics, notably comments by running back Jerome Bettis who said fans at Heinz Field don't seem to make as much noise as they did at the concrete bowl known as Three Rivers Stadium.

Dan Rooney said he believes fans were unusually subdued because President Bush announced the bombing of Afghanistan just moments before the first regular season game at the stadium, a 16-7 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Oct. 7.

But Rooney said Heinz Field's open-ended design makes is unlikely it will ever be as loud as Three Rivers Stadium.

Lackawanna man convicted for murder at Wendy's restaurant

SCRANTON, Pa.-A Lackawanna County jury convicted a man for beating to death his 18-year-old supervisor at a Wendy's restaurant.

After seven hours of deliberations, jurors returned a first-degree murder conviction late Friday against Andrew J. Vikara, 37, in the Aug. 27, 2000, beating death of Kristy Grega of Throop.

The jury convicted Vikara on all seven counts. Beginning Sunday afternoon, they will hear testimony to determine whether he should receive life in prison or the death penalty.

The proceedings are expected to continue into Monday.

Police said Vikara became the lead suspect in the case soon after Grega was found in a pool of blood on the kitchen floor.

District Attorney Andy Jarbola said he will focus on two aggravating circumstances to warrant the death penalty-torture and felony murder.

Grega suffered dozens of wounds during the attack in Dunmore.

Also, he said, the killing occurred during the commission of a felony, as Vikara was convicted of robbery for stealing money from the fast-food restaurant.

Vikara was also found guilty of second- and third-degree murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter and theft by deception.

The victim's parents, Tom and Mary Grega, declined to comment after the verdict. Several women on the jury cried as the verdict was read.

Lemieux to challenge Sabres following two game absence

CANONSBURG, Pa-Mario Lemieux won't be at full-strength Sunday, but he will be in the lineup-and that's all that matters to the winless Pittsburgh Penguins.

Lemieux, who missed the past two games with a strained hip, plans to play at HSBC Arena in Buffalo against the Sabres.

The Penguins (0-3) must win or tie to avoid matching the franchise record for longest losing streak to start a season (1983-84).

Lemieux participated in his third consecutive practice Saturday at the team's Southpointe facility after being off skates for a week. He looked sharp and had no problems accelerating. "It feels pretty good," he said. "I'm going to give it a go."

Lemieux sustained the hip injury in the second period of an exhibition game Sept. 22 at Wilkes-Barre, the night he played for the Penguins' Wilkes-Barre/Scranton farm club.

His physical therapist, Tom Plasko, figures Lemieux will be about 85 percent against the Sabres. Lemieux at 25 percent capacity could help a Penguins power play that has given up more goals (two) than it has scored (0-for-15).

"Obviously, he's a great player, but he's also our captain and a great leader," said Penguins forward Jan Hrdina. "I think it gives everybody more confidence-and he's going to be great on the power play, too."

Penguins coach Ivan Hlinka will go back to Johan Hedberg in goal. Hedberg gave up seven goals on 40 shots in his first two starts. Jean-Sebastien Aubin replaced him Wednesday against the New York Islanders but surrendered five goals on 24 shots in a 6-3 loss.

Maps of NYC disaster area help rescue workers

By Jenna Portnoy
AP WRITER

EASTON, Pa.-Kevin Ruggiero and John Ross don't look like the first guys to turn to when mighty towers crumble.They don't boast bulging muscles or hulking statures. The PPL Corp. technicians both wear glasses and spend most days sitting in meetings or behind computer terminals. But 10 days after terrorists attacked New York City, Ruggiero, a Pen Argyl native, and Ross, of Bethlehem, created the tools needed to help rescue workers navigate the Lower Manhattan chaos-maps.

Their maps alerted emergency personnel to the changing status at ground zero. Environmental Systems Research Institute software enabled workers to overlay information with geographical areas. Detailed, specialized maps were essential because landmarks were eradicated as the buildings crumbled.

"All the maps we were providing were for a life-and-death situation. But we were just working with the software we use every day," Ruggiero said.

The weekend after the attacks, Ruggerio and Ross saw a news broadcast that mentioned the mapping software used by Office of Emergency Management officials. To their surprise, Ruggiero and Ross realized they work with the same programs at PPL.

A half-hour and many phone calls later, PPL officials approved Ruggiero and Ross going to New York to relieve city workers at EMO's makeshift command center at a mid-town pier.

At 4 a.m. Sept. 21, Ruggiero and Ross woke up to begin an adventure they say they'll never forget. A Trans Bridge commuter bus carried the pair to the Port Authority, a New York City bus terminal, where flowers, signs and pictures memorialized police officers presumed dead. More flowers, hundreds of candles and statues of the Virgin Mary flooded the sidewalk in front of Engine 54, a firehouse that lost 15 of its firefighters. Struck by the uncommon quiet, Ross said no car horns honked in the subdued atmosphere.

A firefighter was standing by an open bay door, so Ruggiero and Ross went in to pay their respects.

"I just shook his hand. He didn't really have to say much," said Ruggiero, who for 15 years volunteered as a firefighter in Wind Gap. He currently works for Nazareth Speedway's fire and rescue squad.

Armed troops patrolled a Red Cross ship that served as a makeshift bed and breakfast for rescue workers. Guns on tripods pointed toward Manhattan.

By 8 a.m., they were authorized to begin working. Hot spots reached 255 degrees. Deliveries could only be made between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Rubble piles soared 128 feet high.

Ruggiero, a PPL senior consultant for technical support, and Ross, a GIS team leader, said everyone they met in New York appreciated their efforts.

While Ruggiero was hanging a map back at the command center, he felt a hand on his shoulder. He turned around to face a firefighter whom he had never seen before.

"I just want you to know that your maps kick butt," the firefighter said.

Anthrax scare in Uniontown

UNIONTOWN, Pa.-A Fayette County woman was given antibiotics for anthrax and was being tested for exposure to the bacteria after receiving an envelope containing a powdery substance.

The 49-year-old woman arrived at the Uniontown Hospital about 1 p.m. Saturday and was treated with Cipro after hospital officials contacted the Centers for Disease Control, according to hospital spokesman James Proud. The resident of Allison, about 30 miles south of Pittsburgh, was released several hours later.

Results of the test won't be known for several days, Proud said. He said the woman seemed healthy, but was worried.

Proud said the woman put the envelope in a plastic bag and drove to the hospital after receiving it in Saturday's mail. Her car was towed and the envelope was to be sent to a laboratory for testing, according to police.

NATIONAL

Laboratory baboons show signs of abstract thinking in tests

By Joseph B. Verrengia
AP WRITER

Baboons in laboratory experiments showed hints of abstract thinking by picking out various images on a computer screen, a surprising finding that raises new questions about evolution and what distinguishes humans from the rest of the animal kingdom.

Scientists in France and the United States cautioned that only two baboons participated in the comparative tests, and those monkeys were veterans of earlier cognitive experiments.

The baboons had to repeat the tests thousands of times to learn how sets of images were the same or different. Even so, researchers said, the results suggest baboons are capable of analogical judgment--the kind of "this-is-to-that" comparisons that psychologists say is fundamental to reasoning.

"Although discriminating the relation between relations may not be an intellectual forte of baboons, it nevertheless is within their ken," reported Joel Fagot of the Center for Research in Cognitive Neuroscience in Marseille, France. Fagot's research, with Edward Wasserman and Michael E. Young of the University of Iowa, was published in the October issue of the Journal of Experimental Psychology.

Other researchers said the finding is important because it shows that understanding the relationships between things-what is the same and what is different-does not necessarily require language to identify or describe them.

The experiment holds "clear implications for understanding the evolution of the mind," said psychologist Kimberly Kirkpatrick of the University of York in England, who was not involved in the experiment but reviewed the findings.

"The baboon's ability to match relations may be a precursor to human analogical thinking," Kirkpatrick said. "Studying the cognitive abilities in non-humans is analogous to using the fossil record to construct the course of evolution in the body."

In the experiments, researchers showed baboons, one male and one female, sets of 16 images. One image set comprised rows of little pictures--the sun, a light bulb, a brain, and a hand. Another set repeated the same image-all telephones, for example.

One image or set of images was shown, and the baboons had to pick images similar to or different from those shown, depending on the test. Using a computer joystick, the baboons had 10 seconds to move the computer cursor to images on the screen.

When the baboons made a correct choice they would hear a high musical tone and are rewarded with a banana-flavored food pellet. Incorrect choices were met with a low tone and a 7-second time out, and then the test would be repeated. The baboons needed as many as 700 trials before they would consistently distinguish between the two image sets, the researchers reported. In these experiments, the baboons needed as many as 7,000 tries before they could perform the tests with 80 percent accuracy.

Stanford biologist Robert Sapolsky, who has studied wild baboons in Africa for 23 years, said the monkeys might have demonstrated sharper intellect if the tests had used items that were important to baboons' lives.

"The learning would take place even faster if they had been shown pictures of the foods that baboons eat, pictures of different members of the baboon troop, pictures of different predators," Sapolsky said.

Oxford bin Laden fellowship money draws attention

By Matt Lewis
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

HANOVER, N.H.-Dartmouth College anthropology professor Dale F. Eickelman's studies on the issue of Islamic religious and political leadership has drawn the attention of the national press. Eickelman is the bin Laden Visiting Fellow for Islamic Studies at Oxford University.

The fellowship, initiated by a half-brother of Osama bin Laden, honors the memory of Muhammad bin Laden, the family's patriarch. The grant sponsors a visiting professor's stay at Oxford to research some aspect of Islamic studies.

"Certain British papers have been calling Oxford to see if Osama bin Laden has been giving to Oxford," said Eickelman, whose long-term academic studies will not be affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. "But I can assure you his philanthropy is directed somewhere else."

Even if Osama bin Laden had participated in the endowment, Oxford's strict regulations prevent any donor from influencing how the money is used.

"A donor can specify general parameters of what a grant is for," Eickelman said. "There is no say in where the money gets placed afterwards."

Stemming from Muhammad bin Laden, an extremely successful construction entrepreneur, the extended bin Laden family includes 52 half brothers, some of whom also have donated to Tufts and Harvard universities. According to a New York Times report, Harvard has removed the bin Laden fellows' names from its Web site, apparently to avoid controversy.

Eickelman said Oxford has not altered any of its policies toward the bin Laden fellowship program-a possible result of what he called a more open attitudes towards Arabs.

"So many more Muslim Arabs reside in Britain that people don't get quite as concerned about people of Arab descent. Nobody looks twice at large groups of Arabs going to Bahrain," Eickelman said.

As a bin Laden fellow, Eickelman currently is studying Muslim leadership, focusing on the relationship between religion and politics in the Middle East and how the two often come into conflict with each other. Part of his studies involves looking at the role Osama bin Laden plays in the Islamic world.

Eickelman said European nations also have had long-standing conflicts with terrorism, provoking safety and security measures in Europe that could appear soon in the United States.

"If you regularly visit places in Europe, you see subtle changes due to terrorism," said Eickelman. "It means the U.S. will have to be a little more cautious at the airport, with our mail, et cetera."

Nevertheless, European nations have displayed an outpouring of emotion in response to the Sept. 11 attacks. Eickelman witnessed a three-minute moment of silence in the Netherlands in which "the entire country stopped." "There is a great deal of sympathy here. It wasn't just Americans that were attacked; it was people from all over," said Eickelman.

Eickelman's studies likely will help him when he returns to Dartmouth this winter to teach an anthropology course called "Thought and Change in the Middle East."

Jail break leaves authorities searching for two inmates

By Jamie Stengle
AP WRITER

DALLAS (AP)-The third of five inmates who escaped from a Texas jail was apprehended Saturday night. Authorities were still searching for the other two, who were believed to have a hostage with them.

Brian Riley, 27, was arrested at a home in Fannin County, about 30 miles east of the jail, Grayson County Sheriff Keith Gary said. Two others were caught Friday at a horse stable.

"There were some folks there who were harboring Riley, and they may face charges themselves," Gary said.

All five inmates had been jailed on various charges including assault, kidnapping and child rape, authorities said.

The men jimmied the locks on their cell doors at the Grayson County Jail, crawled through the ventilation system and tunneled their way out through a dirt floor in the basement, leaving behind wadded-up sheets and newspapers in their bunks.

They were tracked Friday to Joyce Silvius' stables about 35 miles south of Grayson County. Jeremy Reynolds, 21, and Jerry W. Riley, 24--Brian Riley's brother, were captured there.

Brian Riley and the other two inmates, Bob Leach, 38, and Gerald Gantt, 45, took Silvius hostage and fled in stolen pickup trucks, authorities said.

Lt. John Norton of the Collin County Sheriff's Department said he didn't know why Reynolds and Jerry Riley didn't leave with the others. Sometime later, Brian Riley parted from Leach and Gantt.

On Saturday, authorities said Leach and Gantt robbed two people at gunpoint in Wood County, about 150 miles southeast of Grayson County. They left behind the pickup truck they took from the stables and drove off in a pickup belonging to one of the robbery victims. Silvius was believed to be with them.

Gary said authorities would investigate how the escape was made and "make whatever corrections there are."

"I don't want to make excuses, but you all understand you have a handful of employees trying to supervise hundreds of inmates, and they have all day to think of ways to escape," he said.

School bus crash kills three returning from band competition

By Amy Lortenzen
AP WRITER

OMAHA, Neb.-A school bus returning from a high school band competition veered off a road, went through a bridge guard rail and crashed into a gully Saturday. Three people were killed and more than 20 were injured, some critically, authorities said.

The victims--two Seward High School students and the mother of a band member-died at the scene, Douglas County Sheriff Tim Dunning said.

"On top of everything else that's taken place it's terrible," Dunning said. "The worst accident I've seen in my career. Without a doubt."

The bus, which was traveling on U.S. 6, was on its side as rescue workers tried to pull passengers out.

Seven people-five of them students-were in critical condition two others were listed as serious and one fair. At least seven were treated at hospitals and released. The conditions of the others weren't available.

Authorities weren't sure what caused the bus to stray off course but don't believe another vehicle was involved. The road curves just before a bridge, which is about 40 feet above a small stream.

"The bus started shaking. People started screaming," said band member Ryan Tremblay, who was in the back of the bus. "The bus started to lose control."

Tremblay was bleeding from a cut on his right ear. He was treated in an emergency triage area set up near the accident site.

There were 31 people on the bus, which was the first of three taking the band back to Seward, about 60 miles southwest of Omaha.

Students who were on the other buses returning from the competition were sent to a school about 10 miles away from the accident site, where they waited to be picked up by their parents.

"They don't want to put anybody else on a bus in light of the tragedy," Police chaplain R.D. Terry said.

INTERNATIONAL

Afghans attack foreign journalists assessing airstrike damage

By Kathy Gannon
AP WRITER

KARAM, Afghanistan-Waving shovels and sticks, enraged villagers surged toward foreign journalists brought here Sunday by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia to see what officials say was the devastation of a U.S. air attack.

"They are coming to kill us! They are coming for information, to tell the planes where to bomb!" angry and terrified villagers shouted as they charged the reporters. Taliban escorts held them back.

Sunday's trip to the village of Karam in Afghanistan's eastern mountains marked the first time since the U.S.-led air campaign began Oct. 7 that the Taliban have allowed international journalists into areas controlled by the Islamic militia.

The Taliban, who escorted journalists to the village, claim nearly 200 people were killed here Thursday. If true, it would be the deadliest single strike by U.S. and British warplanes.

"They are innocent people living here," one villager, Gul Mohammed, said. "There is no military base. What is it they are looking for in Afghanistan? Where is Osama bin Laden? He is not here. Why did they bomb us?"

Explosions had clearly hit the small village. A number of houses were damaged or reduced to rubble, and several bomb craters were dug into the rocky landscape. Dozens of sheep and goat carcasses were strewn about, the air thick with a rancid stench.

But it was difficult to assess claims of casualty figures three days after the attack. Muslims traditionally bury their dead quickly. Villagers pointed out what they called traces of the attack's deadliness, including a blood-stained pillowcase by a house and what appeared to be a rotting human limb.

Washington has expressed regret for any civilian victims in its air strikes, saying it doesn't target non-combatants. It has acknowledged a stray bomb hit homes outside Kabul last week but has said it can't verify the alleged Karam attack.

In the hospital in Jalalabad, 25 miles to the east, doctors treated what they said were 23 victims of bombing at Karam-one, a child barely two months old, swathed in bloody bandages.

Another child, Samina, played with two apples on her hospital bed. Neighbors brought the 5-year-old to the hospital after Thursday's bombing raid killed her entire family. When she was better, Dr. Hashok Ullah said, hospital workers would send the girl to an orphanage.

Unsmiling and silent, Samina stared out at strangers Sunday from under a cap of head bandages.

"She just doesn't speak," Ullah said. "She hasn't spoken since she came in."

A father, Ahmanzai, lay in one bed hugging his wailing 11/2-year-old son, Azizullah-both of them, bandaged against burns and wounds from what villagers said was a second bombing run in the area of Karam on Saturday.

Female victims lay behind the locked door of the women's ward. Inside, doctors folded back one woman's enveloping black shawl to show her wound-a head injury, sustained in the same attack they said killed her two children Thursday.

At least 18 fresh graves were scattered about the village, marked with jagged pieces of gray slate. Two were tiny-freshly dug for what residents said were children. Villagers said more bodies were buried up in the mountains, taken there by residents as they fled the now mostly deserted community.

An old man knelt by one grave in the village, sobbing. He looked up, furiously, at journalists and their cameras and lobbed stones to drive the outsiders away.

One villager, Toray, stood by the ruins of his former home, its roof gone. He clutched a scrap of metal bearing the words "fin-guided missile" in English.

Toray, who uses only one name, said he lost his five children and his wife when the warplanes came. "I was asleep down there in the morning, when they bombed," he said, gesturing toward the base of the mountain.

Scratching his dust-caked beard, he looked toward his house and asked, "What do I have left? Nothing."

The United States launched its air campaign on Oct. 7 to root out bin Laden, the top suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks thought to have killed 5,600 people.

The Taliban insist there are no military bases near Karam. However, it is believed that bin Laden operated terrorist training camps here in Nangarhar province.

It was unclear whether any of the camps are in the Karam area or whether they were the intended targets of the attack.

Canterbury Cathedral in England evacuated on anthrax scare

CANTERBURY, England-Several hundred people were evacuated from Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday in one of a rash of scares around the world prompted by the discovery of white powder.

Church staff began evacuating the cathedral--the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, spiritual head of the Church of England--around 1 p.m. after a worker said he saw a man dropping a white powder in one of the chapels.

Emergency workers wearing chemical protection suits cleared up the powder and took samples for analysis, Kent police said. Paramedics were also on the scene.

It was not immediately clear what the substance was, and police said they did not know how long the tests would take. In the meantime, they planned to keep the cathedral closed and were searching for the man alleged to have dropped the powder.

Several hundred visitors were inside the cathedral in this southeastern English town when the evacuation began, but no services were under way.

Jitters about bio-terrorism and other forms of attack have spread since anthrax cases were confirmed last week in Florida and New York and the bacteria was found on a letter sent to a Microsoft office in Nevada.

"We are taking every precaution at this stage and so we have sent in firefighters with protective suits," said a fire department spokeswoman, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It is still too early to say exactly what the powder is."

Among other scares and anti-bioterror measures around the world Sunday:

Hundreds of people were evacuated from north London pubs and restaurants after eight people reported feeling ill at a nearby rail station Saturday night, police said. Police said they did not believe there were any terrorist links, and no one was hospitalized. Sgt. Bob Alleway said exhaust fumes may have caused the problem.

Cleaning staff at Rio de Janeiro's International Airport in Brazil found white powder on a flight from Frankfurt after passengers left the plane, federal police and health authorities said. Scientists were analyzing the substance, and the 12-member cleaning staff that found it was isolated in a room at the airport.

In Toronto, authorities stopped a plane at Pearson International Airport when baggage handlers found white powder in the cargo hold. Test results were expected by Monday afternoon, but police said they didn't think the substance was dangerous.

Belgian Health Minister Magda Aelvoet said preliminary tests showed a powder found in six confiscated letters was not anthrax. The letters were addressed to the Belgian Pharmaceutical Institute and several of its employees; the postal service seized them after finding the powder. Aelvoet said it was probably a prank.

German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping said the military was going over its defenses against biological and chemical weapons, and leaders called for increased sentences for anyone caught sending copycat anthrax letters. Scharping assured Germans the military was capable of defending itself from biological and chemical warfare.

Major newspapers in two Australian states on Sunday began toughening and reviewing security, particularly mail handling procedures.

China to create 2,000-member police force to protect flights from terrorists

BEIJING-China is creating a 2,000-member police force to fly aboard its airlines, prompted by terror attacks in the United States, a state newspaper reported Sunday.

The aviation police will replace private security guards who fly on many Chinese carriers, the Beijing Youth Daily said. Citing unidentified sources, it said the new force was being formed by the Civil Aviation Authority of China, the country's airline regulator.

A man who answered the phone at CAAC on Sunday couldn't confirm the report and said no one else was available.

The measure, if confirmed, would be among a series of steps taken by China after terrorists on Sept. 11 hijacked jetliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Chinese airline offices in Hong Kong were ordered earlier this month not to sell tickets to passengers from the Middle East and Pakistan. Chinese carriers have canceled their flights to Pakistan and the Middle East.

The Beijing Youth Daily didn't say whether the new air police would carry guns. But it said they would be similar to China's railway police, whose officers travel aboard trains armed with pistols.

Airline guards currently are armed with truncheons and fire axes, according to the Beijing Youth Daily.

China tightened security after the Sept. 11 attacks. Guards seize penknives, scissors and anything else that might be used as a weapon.

Passengers already routinely were required to show identification and luggage was X-rayed under measures imposed after a string of hijackings in the early 1990s.

But hijackings still occur. Last year, a would-be hijacker on a domestic flight was reportedly stabbed to death with his own knife.

Swedish pilot refuses to fly three men of Arab ancestry to Las Palmas, Spain

By Stephan Nasstrom
AP WRITER

STOCKHOLM, Sweden-A pilot refused to fly three men of Arab ancestry--two of them Swedish citizens--and forced them to leave his plane even after they were cleared by police, authorities said Sunday.

The men had bought tickets a day earlier for the Premiair flight Saturday from Stockholm to Las Palmas, Spain.

"Everything went well when we checked in. But after we sat down in the plane, the cabin crew told us that the captain wanted to talk," Ismail Fouda said by telephone.

Police checked their passports and also ran a computer check while the men waited in the plane.

"We judged that they were not a threat and told the captain," said Arlanda International Airport police officer Barry Gunnarsson. "But the captain is king."

Fouda, who was born in Egypt but is a Swedish citizen, said he was convinced their Arab ethnicity was the reason. He and the two others filed a police complaint against tour operator Ving.

The other men, who are friends and colleagues of Fouda, were born in Iraq. One is a Swedish citizen, and none of the three are involved with political groups, Fouda said.

A spokesman for Premiair, which is owned by Airtours Plc of Britain, said: "The men acted nervous and refused to sit down when asked by the cabin crew, so many passengers got unsettled."

The three men received their money and luggage back after several hours and said they would try again to fly to Spain on Tuesday after filing a complaint with discrimination officials in Stockholm.

HEALTH

Inhaled anthrax can apparently be cured with antibiotics

By Daniel Q. Haney
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The apparent recovery of a newspaper mailroom worker from inhaled anthrax raises the possibility that fast, all-out treatment with the latest antibiotics may be more effective than experts had assumed.

So few cases of inhaled anthrax have occurred in modern times that little is known about its usual course. Nevertheless, doctors have assumed that antibiotics must begin before symptoms set in to work well. By then, the germ has produced large amounts of toxin that may be lethal even if the bacteria are killed.

Florida health officials acknowledged Monday night that they now believe Ernesto Blanco, who worked at a Boca Raton tabloid, has been sick with inhaled anthrax all along.

Blanco's family said he was admitted to the hospital Oct. 1 for respiratory problems. He was identified Oct. 8 as the second confirmed case of anthrax exposure after spores of the bacteria were found in his nose.

But because he did not have all the classic symptoms, doctors assumed he was sick from pneumonia, not anthrax. Federal and state health officials decline to say specifically what treatments Blanco has received, citing patient confidentiality.

On Tuesday, an official with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Blanco is doing well, and doctors are optimistic he will recover. The official also said Blanco's diagnosis does not mean any new cases of anthrax will emerge.

While a single case does not prove how well therapies work, doctors say Blanco's improvement is a hopeful sign that modern antibiotics may be more effective than they thought against inhaled anthrax.

"We have limited knowledge of this disease, so our understanding of the clinical spectrum may need to be modified as a result of individuals like this," said Dr. David Fleming, deputy director of the CDC.

Fleming said Blanco survived because "some very astute clinicians assured he was given aggressive antibiotic therapy."

According to family members, Blanco was gravely ill last week, on a respirator and near death. Stepdaughter Maria Orth said doctors disagreed at the time over whether he had anthrax.

The usual way of diagnosing anthrax is to remove a bit of blood, spinal fluid or other sample from the patient, put it into a growing medium and see if bacteria flourish. However, Fleming said that by the time doctors tried this in Blanco's case, the germ had apparently already been killed by antibiotics.

Furthermore, Blanco did not have all the usual symptoms of inhaled anthrax. Typically, chest X-rays show swelling that widens the area between the lungs and the spine, but Blanco did not have this.

Over time, however, a variety of less definitive tests suggested that anthrax was to blame. These included tests that showed the presence of antibodies directed against anthrax, as well as signs of bacterial genes in his blood and testing of biopsy specimens.

"No single test confirmed it," said Fleming. "It was the mounting evidence, the clinical evidence and the battery of tests, that tipped the scale."

Because inhaled anthrax is so rare, the best evidence about the effects of treatment has come from an accidental release of the germ from a bioweapons plant in Sverdlovsk, Russia in 1979 that killed about 70 people. Only about one-fifth of those who caught the inhaled disease eventually recovered.

However, Dr. Arthur M. Friedlander, an anthrax expert at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md., said the reliability of data from that incident is questionable.

"There is some data in animals suggesting that treatment later in the course of infection with antibiotics can be successful in some cases," he said.

The only other U.S. victim of inhaled anthrax since 1976 was photo editor Robert Stevens, who worked with Blanco at American Media Inc. He died Oct. 5.

Proper food storage significantly reduces risk of illness

By Corrine Hoffman
STAFF WRITER

There are numerous signs students can watch for to ensure the food they are eating is safe.

Since many students do not have time to go to the cafeteria or TUB, a lot of food is kept in dorm rooms. If students are not careful, the food in their rooms can become unsafe.

"Unfortunately, when food is spoiled it can be hard to tell," said Jeff Creveling, manager of Marriott food service. Creveling said that with many food items such as meats, it is difficult to see any change in the product.

When some food begins to get old, it is possible to tell by sight and smell. With other foods, bread and fruit for example, it is easy to see when they are unsafe to eat because they will develop mold. If items such as fruit juices or milk begin to smell or look different, throw them away. Chances are they should not be consumed.

"Most problems occur when people keep food too long," said Judith Duda, Health Center director. A majority of food items purchased at grocery stores have expiration dates that will help determine if the food is edible.

Items such as canned foods are generally safe for consumption. Val Hillers, author of "You Can Prevent Food Poisoning," warns consumers that if canned foods show any sign of spoilage such as bulging can ends, leakage, spurting liquid, or off-odor to not eat that food.

The best way to ensure the food you're eating is safe is to exercise caution when preparing and storing it.

When preparing food, work with clean hands and avoid using hands to mix food. If food needs to be microwaved, check to make sure the food has been heated uniformly. It is important to make sure the food is heated evenly because cold spots can develop when food is microwaved. Always make sure the dishes and utensils are cleaned with soap after each use and make sure food is stored at the appropriate temperature.

"The best thing is to make sure food is kept out of the danger zone, between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit," Creveling said.

All foods that require refrigeration should be stored immediately. It is especially important not to let foods like meat sit out.

"Use common sense," Creveling said.

Microwave cooking made easy: Four quick, easy recipes

By Erin Chittock
STAFF WRITER

College students daily participate in a familiar ritual: the search for convenient cuisine to satisfy seemingly endless appetites without boring taste buds or broadening waistlines.

The microwave has become a necessity for college students. "I use my microwave at least five times a week," sophomore Tara Neely said. "I can make quick, easy snacks without a lot of effort." Not only is the microwave fast, convenient and economical, but it also produces tastier, more nutritional foods without depleting essential vitamins and minerals, according to Marie T. Smith, author of Microwave Cooking for One.

Microwaves enable students to create a variety of foods. Senior Brian Wilson enjoys making hot ham sandwiches, popcorn and s'mores in his microwave. Junior business major Kathy Clute adds tuna to her Ramen Noodles for more variety and nutritional value.

"You can make good things and bad things in the microwave. Some people may be able to make healthier things than can be found in the TUB or dinning hall," said Judith Duda, Health Center director.

Students settle for readily available, unhealthy foods because they are more convenient. Mary Anne Torno, a registered nurse at the student Health Center, stresses that the problem with prepared foods lies hidden in fats, sodium and preservatives. Several healthy alternatives include oatmeal, rice, frozen vegetables and soup.

When scavenging for something to eat, remember not to settle for fatty, preservative-filled, processed foods. Be creative. Be healthy. Use the microwave.

Recipes: Provided by Marie T. Smith, author of *Microwave Cooking for One*

Scrambled Eggs

Ingredients: 1 extra-large egg or 2 small eggs, 2 teaspoons of milk, pinch of salt, pinch of black pepper,½ teaspoon butter (optional)

Directions: Break egg into mixing bowl. Add milk, salt, and pepper. Beat well with fork. Add butter to mixture. Cook 1 minute at 100% power until about 1 tablespoon of egg remains uncooked. Mix egg well with spoon and serve. Egg will be moist. If dry eggs are preferred, cook 5 seconds more at 100% power. Mix with rubber spoon and serve.

Potato Salad

Ingredients: 4 ounce new potatoes, ¼ cup of mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon chopped green pepper, 1/8 teaspoon salt, dash of black pepper

Directions: Choose potatoes that are uniform in size. Wash potatoes and place in microwave safe bowl. Cook 2 minutes at 100% power. Cool potatoes enough to handle. Peel potatoes, then cut into halves and cut halves into thin slices. Place in small bowl.

Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Chill before serving.

Chicken Parmesan

Ingredients: 8 ounce chicken with skin and bones, 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese, 1 tablespoon Italian bread crumbs

Directions: Wash chicken and drain on paper towel. Put cheese and bread crumbs on a flat surface. Roll chicken in mixture until coated. Place chicken skin side down on plate. Cover plate with paper towel. Cook 2 minutes at 100% power. Turn chicken over and sprinkle any remaining crumb mixture over chicken. Cover plate with paper towel. Cook 2 minutes and 20 seconds at 100% power. Let stand 2 minutes.

Peanut Brittle

Ingredients: 2 tablespoons light corn syrup, ¼ cup sugar, 2 pinches salt, 1/3 cup (2 ounces) salted or unsalted peanuts, 1 teaspoon butter, ¼ tsp. vanilla, ¼ teaspoon baking soda.

Directions: Place corn syrup in a 2-cup liquid measure. Add sugar and salt. Mix well. Cook 1 minute and 15 seconds at 100% power. Add peanuts and mix thoroughly. Cook 1 minutes and 15 seconds at 100% power. Add remaining ingredients. Stir quickly and thoroughly. Before brittle hardens, spread on buttered metal cookie sheet. Let stand 5 minutes. Break into pieces and store in airtight jar.

PHILANTHROPIES

Fraternities boast diverse group of philanthropies

By Teale Ganster
STAFF WRITER

Philanthropies can give back to the community and can also demonstrate an aspect of fraternity or sorority life.

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi participate in different philanthropies throughout New Wilmington and the college. One of these philanthropy projects just took place in town. The brothers of the fraternity, along with the New Wilmington Fire Department and community, came together during the Fireman's Auction on Sept. 29 to auction off items. All proceeds went to the New Wilmington Fire Department.

Another event soon to take place is the annual Haunted House held at the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity house. The event will be held Oct. 29, 30 and 31. Philanthropy chair Mike DaVia is excited about this annual event. "The whole campus community is welcome to come to our haunted house. All proceeds will benefit the New Wilmington Fire Department," he said.

The major event held by the Alpha Sigma Phi brothers is Relay for Life, an annual event. This year, the event will take place in April. Relay for Life raises money for the American Cancer Society. Last year the event raised a total of $30,000.

The brothers of Phi Kappa Tau contribute to their philanthropy called The Hole in the Wall Gang. The Hole in the Wall Gang is a camp, founded by actor and Phi Kappa Tau alumnus Paul Newman in 1988 for children who have cancer or blood disease. Money raised by the brothers goes to individual children so that they may attend the camp. This year, the Phi Tau brothers plan to have a candle sale and host a 5K race to raise money.

The brothers of Sigma Nu also participate in different philanthropies. The event that brings in most money is Daffodil Days. The brothers sell daffodils by sending order forms to students' parents and also sell at Giant Eagle and around campus. The money raised during this event goes to the American Cancer Society.

Sigma Nu also participates in Adopt-A-Highway. The brothers clean up part of Interstate 80.

Sigma Nu and Alpha Gamma Delta will host a Halloween party for children of the community. The greek representatives will dress up in costumes and take the children Trick-Or-Treating in different rooms of the fraternity house. The children will also participate in activities such as bobbing for apples and carving pumpkins. This event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 26.

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon host Dr. Seuss Reading Day. On March 2, the day of Dr. Seuss' birthday, the brothers go to local schools and read books to the children. Dr. Seuss was an Sigma Phi Epsilon at Dartmouth. The brothers also are part of the monthly Adopt-A-Highway program and hold a clothing drive for the Salvation Army.

Theta Chi brothers also participate in a number of philanthropies. A big event that gives back to the community is Greek Sweep, which builds Greek unity while cleaning the streets of New Wilmington and the campus.

The brothers also participate in Bowl For Kid's Sake in which different campus fraternities and sororities bowl at Colonial Lanes in New Castle and raise money for the New Castle chapter of Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

During holidays, the brothers are active and eager to help their community. For Thanksgiving, the brothers collect money and give it to the American Red Cross to buy turkeys. During the Christmas season, the brothers carol around New Wilmington and collect money to give to the American Red Cross.

Sorority philanthropy efforts move into the spotlight

By Sarah Martin
STAFF WRITER

Sororities have date parties, formals and mixers; those are a big part of the Greek life. What people might not know is that philanthropies are a larger part of sororities and fraternities. Each organization has two or three different philanthropies.

Phi Mu works with Children's Miracle Network. Money is raised for the Network by selling raffle tickets and having a breakfast with Santa during the Christmas season. The group's second philanthropy is Project Hope. Donations are taken for a little girl who wrote a book about cancer called, *Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, I Beat Cancer and So Can You*. This fund helps other children with cancer.

Sigma Kappa's national philanthropy has been Alzheimer's disease and Gerontology since 1984. To raise money, its members have an annual lollipop campaign, "Help Lick Alzheimer." Inherit the Earth is another philanthropy, which was adopted in 1992. This helps create awareness of environmental issues and comes up with solutions for these problems. Research is being done for adopting a panda, their sorority mascot, because it is on the endangered species list.

Alpha Gamma Delta's national philanthropy is Juvenile Diabetes. The members raise money through different fundraisers and send non-sugar gifts, such as cards, to children in hospitals. One of the fundraisers is the Bowler's Classic. Another way to raise money is the fraternity pledge auction in the spring, which encourages campus participation.

The Kappa Deltas' philanthropies include Prevent Child Abuse America, Children's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia and Girl Scouts of America. The women raise money through Christmas Seals, magazine, book and candle sales and a "Shamrock Project" in the spring that involves the campus.

Zeta Tau Alpha's main philanthropy is the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. The members have some new projects to raise money. Next month "Shoot for a Cure," a 3-on-3 basketball tournament open to the campus, will be held. Other fundraisers include selling flowers, pink ribbons and Halloween bags to the parents of the freshmen.

Sororities are not only about parties, but they are also a way to give back to the community.

Mortar Board heads service projects to benefit community

By Sara Ialongo
STAFF WRITER

Little Sibs weekend, Campbell's soup labels and book drives are some of the service projects this group of students is heading. The group's purpose is to commend scholarship, to commit members to leadership and to promote literacy. The members excel in leadership, service and scholarship. They are the members of Mortar Board, and the chapter on campus is one of 200 in the nation.

"I am very excited about Mortar Board. I am anticipating a very productive and exciting year," Treasurer Steve Klebacha said. Mortar Board's first service project is already underway. The group is organizing a yearlong book drive to promote literacy for all ages.

Mortar Board has also scheduled a "Books on Tape" drive in which donated books will be read and recorded on tape. Campbell's soup labels and General Mills box tops will be collected and donated to area schools. These collections will help pay for computers and supplies. Mortar Board also offers a storybook reading corner during Little Sibs weekend on campus.

Mortar Board has big plans for this year; the members are preparing for success.

President Carrie Mathers says the members of Mortar Board are bright and ambitious, and things will be accomplished easily. "Perhaps this is the reason why our chapter was the most improved chapter at the national convention this summer," she said.

After being recognized nationally, one of Mortar Board's main goals is to promote more interest on campus. "This year Mortar Board is more active and visible than in previous years," Secretary Molly Weaver said. "We are striving for a tightly knit organization and visibility."

Mortar Board is planning to incorporate speakers for its literacy service projects. "We would like to have Mister Rogers appear as a speaker for our projects. He has his own literacy program and stands for the same thing we do," Mathers said.

Mortar Board members are selling memorial ribbons for the victims of the Sept. 11 tragedy. They will sponsor a $50 raffle toward the purchase of books for second semester. The group is also planning a computer literacy program with the residents of Shenango Home.

Mortar Board has been on campus for 46 years. Dr. Andrea Grove is the advisor. There are currently 33 members in the organization.

Habitat for Humanity has been part of campus for over 20 years

By Alicia Richie
STAFF WRITER

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that helps eliminate substandard housing in impoverished parts of the world. Habitat for Humanity is one of the largest organizations on campus and has been in existence for more than 20 years.

Each year, the organization works on projects such as building homes and making roof repairs. The campus chapter has worked with Hosanna Industries of both Lawrence and Mercer counties for the past 15 years. Membership consists of 60 paid members, but 150 students have expressed interest.

This year's board of Habitat leaders consists of Sarah Huffman and Lisa Whitlow, seniors; juniors Ben Robbins, Vicki Vroble and Juli Conoran; and sophomore Katie Guelich. Keturah Laney is adviser of the organization and Steve Allen, chaplain, assists. Laney is in her second year as adviser.

Through fundraising and volunteering, the local and national Habitat for Humanity chapters are sustained. One of the biggest fundraisers is leaf raking. Habitat members are also selling pizza raffles until Oct. 15. Tickets can be purchased for $1 from any member.

"I love Habitat for Humanity because it gives me an opportunity to reach out and really help those in my community," Conoran said. "When I finish the work, I have a sense of accomplishment because I know that my help was really needed and appreciated."

Dues for Habitat are $15. Membership is not required to be on site and help build homes, yet spots are limited and go to paid members first. Work days are scheduled on Saturdays throughout the semester. The next work day is scheduled for Oct. 20.

In addition to work days and meetings, Habitat takes a Spring Break trip, which is open to anyone. Last year, several students spent their Spring Break building and repairing homes. Through the Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge program, nine students traveled to South Carolina, and another nine remained in the valley as part of a team that would build or restore five homes in Wheatland. In addition to donating their time and energy to help build, students raised money to construct it and other future homes in the area.

"I chose to become part of Habitat for many reasons," Huffman said. "Poverty housing is a large concern all over the world; Habitat for Humanity helps to build up communities."

Regular SGA meeting covers MLK Day and more

By Christina Contes
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Homecoming was a success last weekend despite the weather. The rain did not keep the sophomore and senior women from enjoying a game of Powderpuff Football. It did, however, move the Pep Rally from the Quad into Old 77 and dinner back to the cafeteria.

Congratulations to the Titan Football Team for its victory over Thiel and to the 2001-2002 Homecoming King and Queen, Jared Gashel and Jerilyn Matejka.

Erika Hink and Corrine Gaglia won the honor of throwing pies in the faces of Carolyn Cuff and R. Tad Greig. Over $200 was raised to send to the Sept. 11th Fund.

SGA is already making arrangements for the Senior Class Gift. The gift will be donated by members of the senior class who will determine where to spend the money on campus. Seniors can give as little as $1 and all are encouraged to participate.

The Food Advisory Committee met with Jeff Creveling to discuss concerns and the menu for the next few weeks. The next meeting, which is open to the campus, will be on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

At the Mardi Gras celebration last year, students disobeyed school rules at the concert. To eliminate the problem, it was decided that book bags and large coats will be searched this year. Also, no outside food or drinks will be allowed into Patterson during the celebration.

The Religious Life Council met this week and SGA representative Rita Longan reported the council's plans for the Sesquicentennial. It is planning to tie in a Religious Life Symposium with the event. The members say they hope to have a Christian speaker, band and Christian athlete speaker. They also discussed the possibility of having a religious course requirement instead of a philosophy course.

The Curriculum Operations Committee also met and SGA representative Ian Durham attended the meeting. He informed the Senate that COC has decided not to have classes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the 2003-2004 school year. Three options to make it possible to take the day off were introduced. After much discussion, the Senate voted and the majority felt that none of the options were acceptable. Senator Chris Nave along with Ian Durham will be writing a new proposal.

Members of the Executive Board of SGA will be sitting in Galbreath Lobby on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the informal sessions in residence lobbies is to listen to comments, questions and concerns posed by students.

Mortar Board needs your help with its annual bookdrive.

What to do:

-- Collect old books from your house, family, friends, etc.
-- Bring them to members of Mortarboard or drop them in collection boxes around campus
-- Enjoy the satisfaction of helping someone learn to read.

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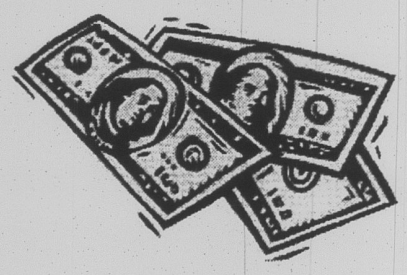

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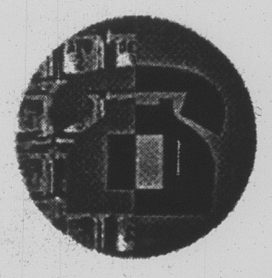

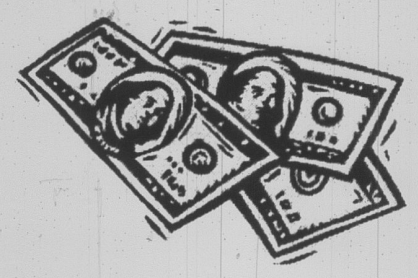

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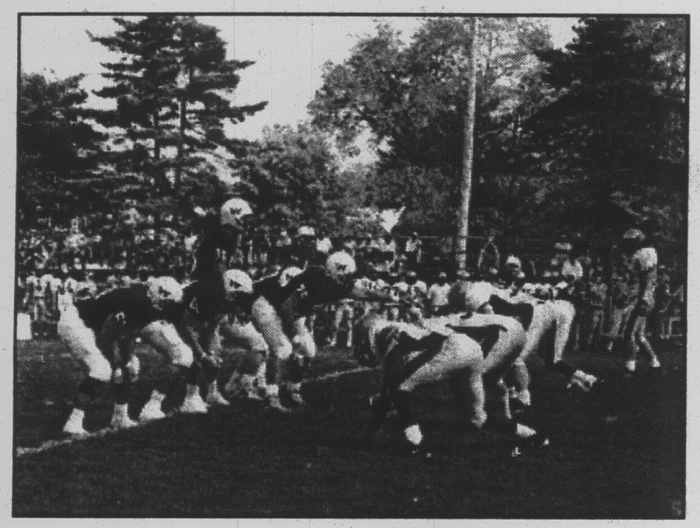
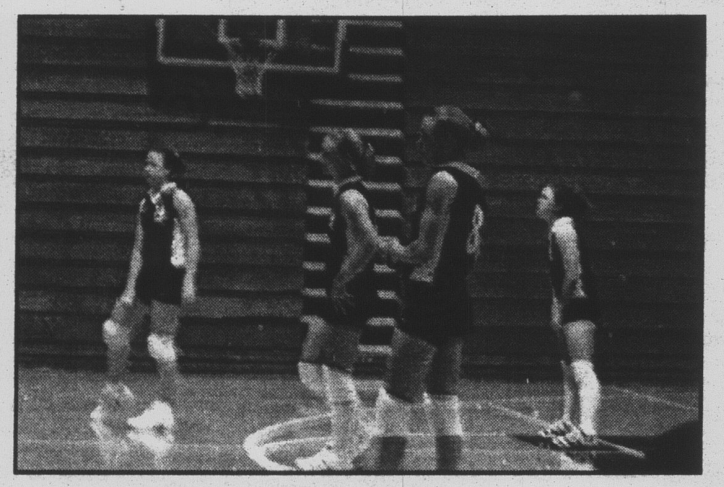
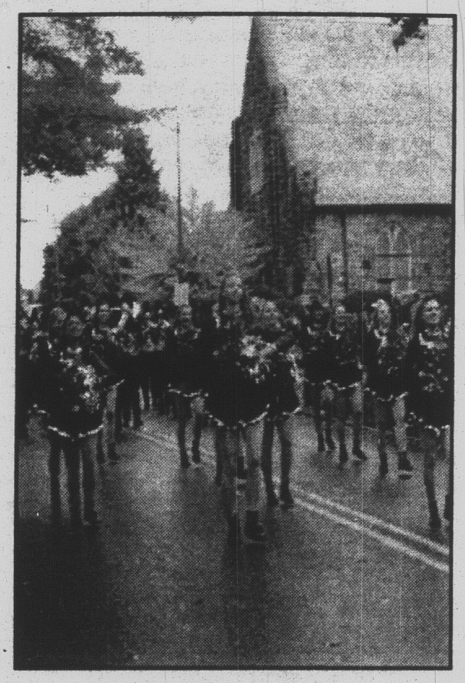
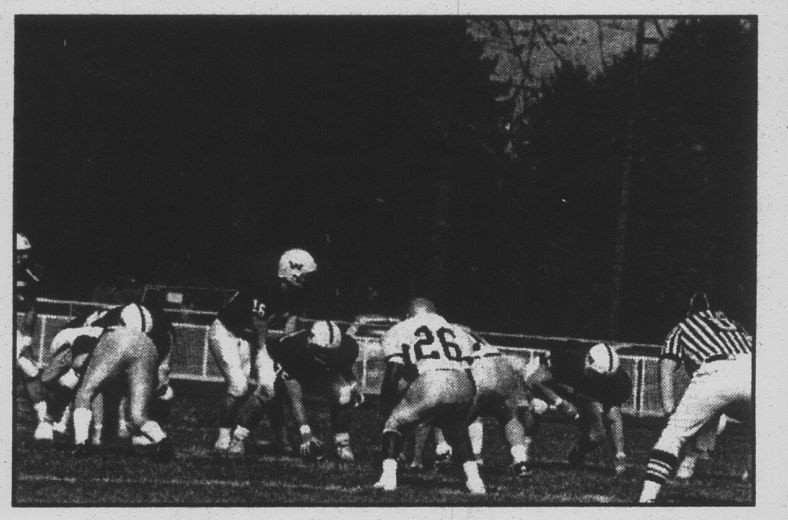
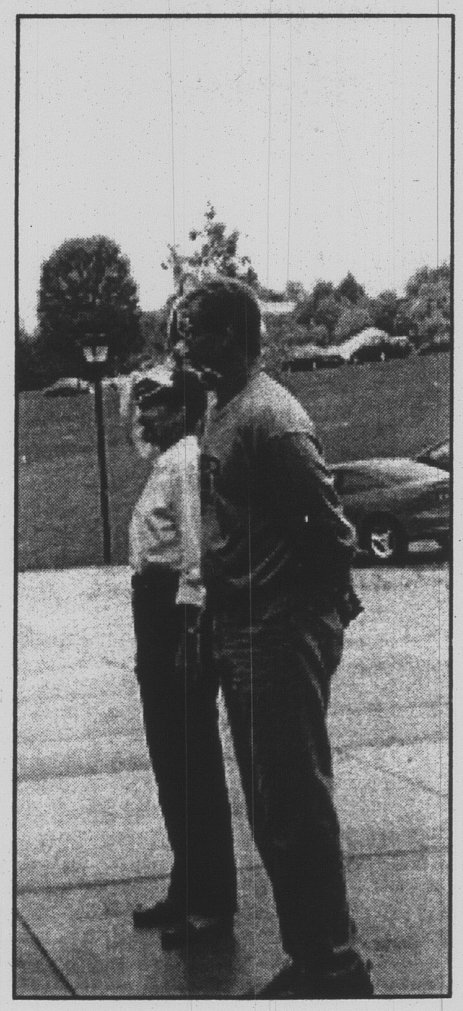
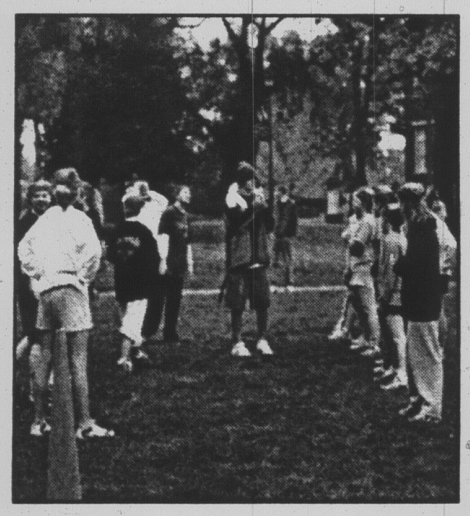


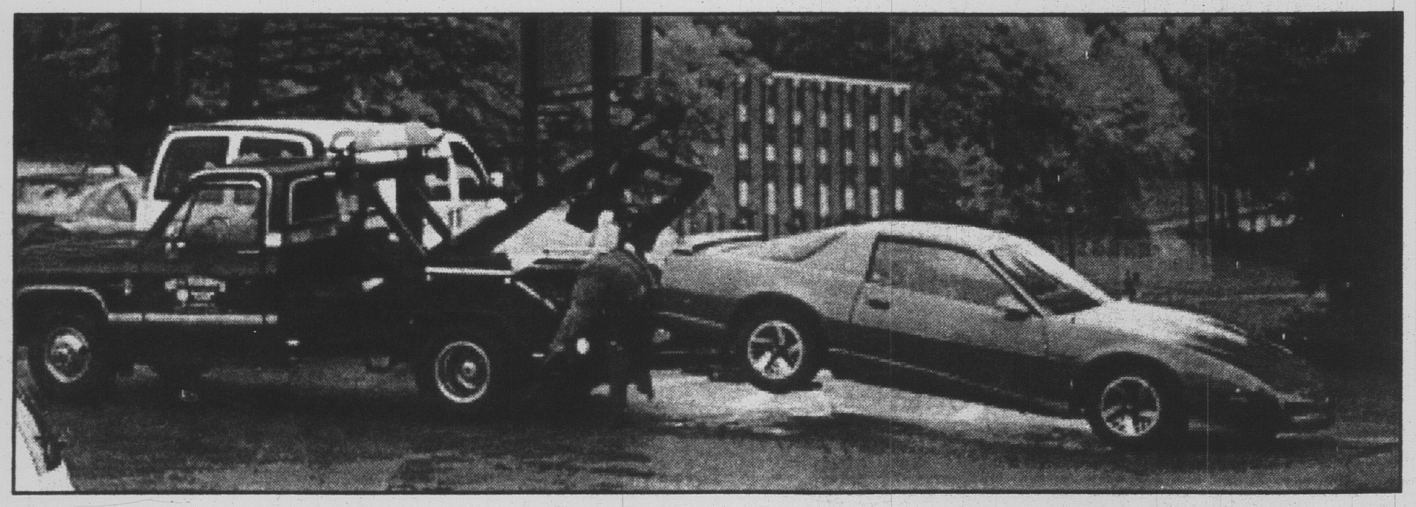


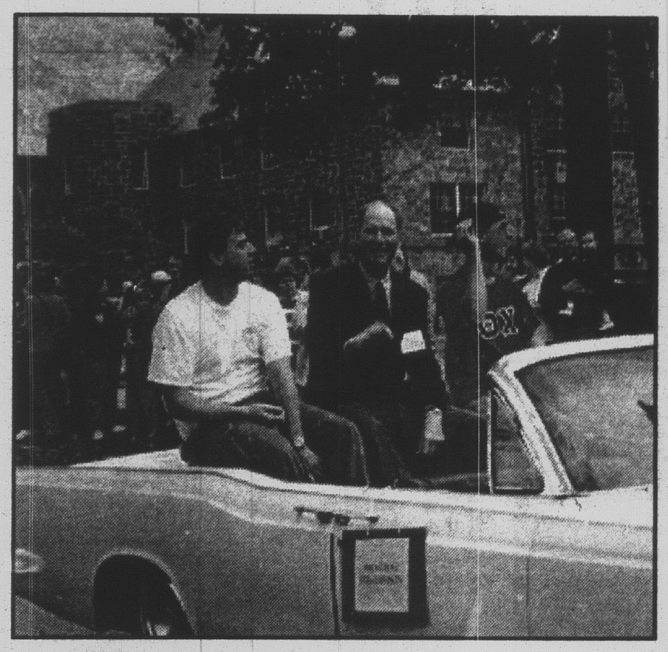


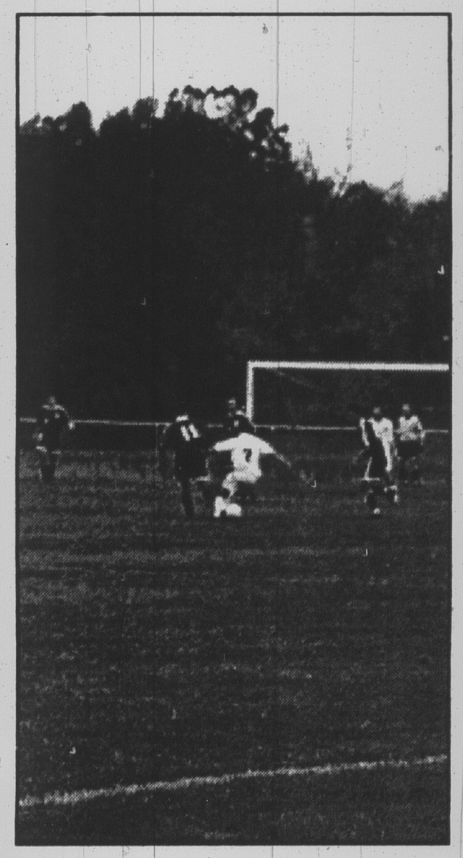


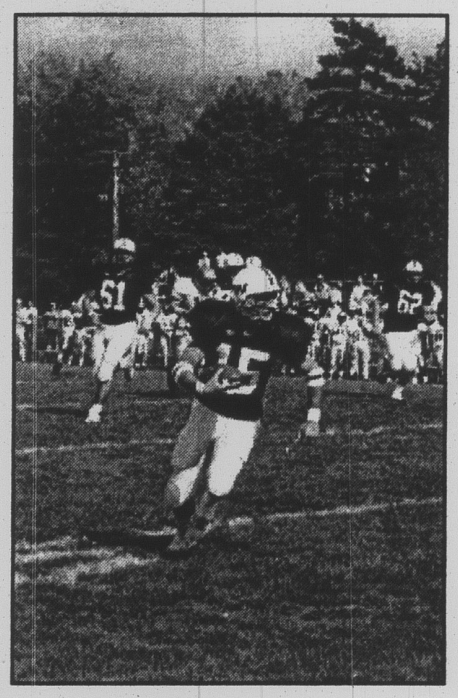


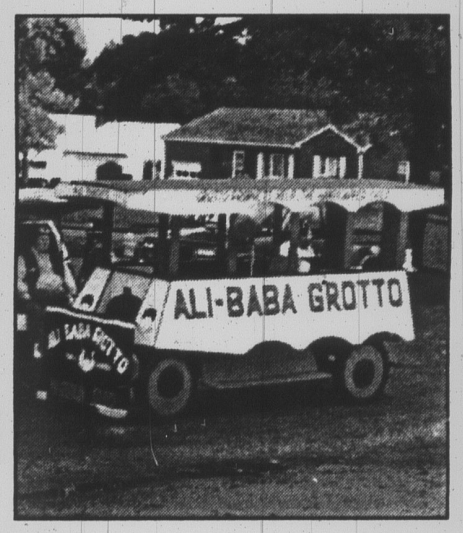












Winners:

Homecoming King and Queen:

Jerilyn Matejka of Zeta Tau Alpha
Jared Gashel of Sigma Phi Epsilon

Float competition:

"A World of Possibilities"- what one could do with a WC major
1st Phi Mu- Biology
2nd Alpha Gamma Delta - Theater
3rd Sigma Kappa - Sociology
4th Kappa Delta - Music Performance
Judged by the 50 year reunion class

SGA Banner competition:

1st place - 1st East Galbreath
2nd place - 3rd South Galbreath
3rd place - 2nd East Shaw
Judged by the Homecoming Court

SPORTS

Titans gain individual wins in Homecoming competition

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

Seniors Jacob Gleason and Desiree Henry dominated the competition during Friday's dual meet versus Geneva.

Gleason proved the value of experience in his assault on the men's field. The Titan captain laid siege to Geneva's Justin Bail throughout the first mile, before giving him a private lesson on how to run a race. From the mile mark, Gleason opened a 75-yard lead and went on to win the five-mile event in 27:04, topping second-place Bail by 21 seconds.

Junior Dan Beckwith, freshman Mike Clever, senior Scott Fabry and sophomore Sean Gallagher rounded out the Titan top five placing fifth, sixth, seventh and tenth respectively.

In spite of what Gleason called "solid individual efforts," as a team, the Golden Tornados proved too much to handle, topping Westminster 26-29.

"We had them early on, but their pack squeezed by the last mile," Gleason said. "We have a lot of young guys doing good things, it's going to pay off when the chips are down later in the season," he added.

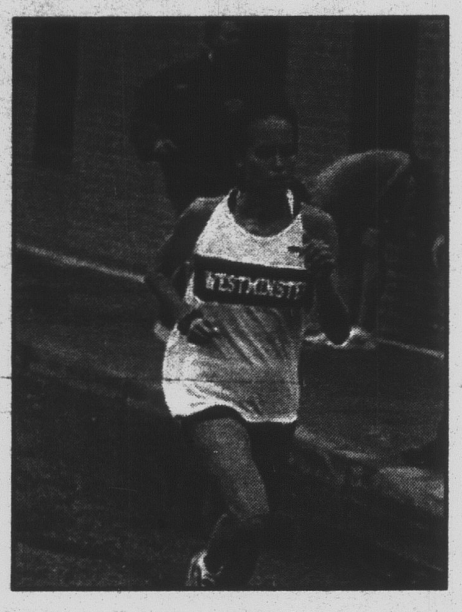
Sophomore Sean Gallagher looked to the near future, "It was a tough day on a fast course, anything can happen out there. Today they were just a little better, but we'll see what happens when we head down there next week."

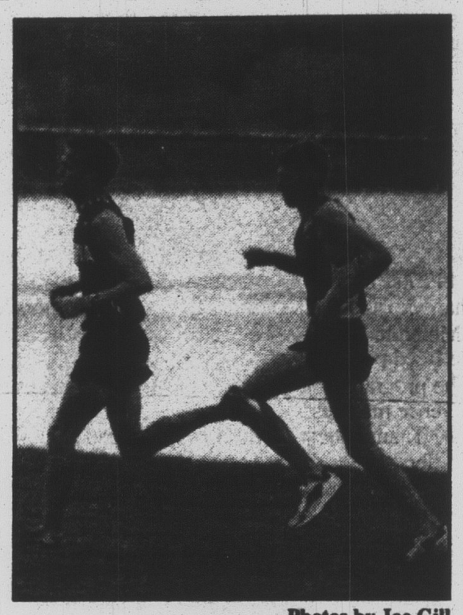
On the women's side, Henry continued her undefeated streak and broke the elusive 19 minute barrier posting a 31 second victory over Geneva's Truly Norman in 18:52.

Also finishing in the top 10 for the women were sophomore Sarah Ialongo and junior Kelly Schmidt, who finished seventh and eighth respectively.

Once again, individual efforts were no match for Geneva's team packing and the Titans fell short, 20-35.

The Titans will have a chance for redemption when both teams return to action this weekend, traveling to Beaver Falls for the Geneva College Invitational.





Photos by Joe Gill

Left: Desiree Henry won the women's competition. Right: Jake Gleason moves in for the win.

Men's soccer beats out Grove City 2-1, raises record to 10-2-1

Photo by Joe Gill

The Titans out-scored Grove City in Friday's game.

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The men's soccer team sealed a season sweep of Grove City with a 2-1 victory over the PAC rival Friday night, raising their record to 10-2-1 overall and 5-2 in the PAC.

Returning from halftime to a clear scoreboard, Grove City opened the scoring with a goal by Brian Williams during the 70th minute.

Ten minutes later, the Titans answered with a penalty kick goal by junior forward Tony Arrigo off an assist by fellow junior forward Pasquale Reino.

The final points of the game came from an 87th minute goal by freshman midfielder John Booth, assisted by junior defender James Green.

Senior goalkeeper John Houser stopped 11 of GCC's 12 shots en route to the victory.

The men return to action this weekend for a PAC match at Thiel College in Greenville, Pa.

College football takes over Saturday afternoons

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

College football has taken over Saturday afternoons for many students. The games this season have been exciting and the upsets numerous. Last weekend was the most surprising, with both Floridas losing and rankings being disregarded. Florida State ended their 54-home game unbeaten streak by losing to Miami. Florida lost to Auburn in a heartless game by a score of 23-20. After pounding ranked Northwestern in the previous week, Ohio State was upset by Wisconsin. But this is why college football (and most college sports) is fun to watch. Heart outweighs a high ranking and a cocky team could lose to a previous no-name team. This season, many dominating teams may be knocked down from their high spots.

The Miami Hurricanes started the season with a relatively weak schedule. After wins against Pitt and Troy State, the 'Canes ended Florida State's home win streak, 49-27. After last season, when Miami was ranked third by the BCS rankings and could not play for the National Championship, the Hurricanes made sure to stay on top of FSU by as many points as possible. Quarterback Ken Dorsey was 14-of-27 for 249 yards and no interceptions in the win over FSU. Running back Clinton Portis carried 17 times for 122 yards. The rest of Miami's schedule should be challenging, but the 'Canes should pull through. If they beat West Virginia, Temple and Boston College, their only other opponent will be the computer and the ranking system to gain a chance at the national title.

Second-ranked Oklahoma has already had impressive wins over Kansas State, Texas and Kansas. The Sooners are blessed with two competent quarterbacks who have fought for playing time all season. Starter Nate Hybl has failed to finish the last two games and backup Jason White has played well in has place, prompting OU coaches to reevaluate their starting QB. Hybl left the Oct. 6 game at Texas with a shoulder injury and did not start well at the beginning of OU's Oct. 13 game at Kansas before being replaced by White. Coach Bob Stoops has praised White's leadership and athletic ability but has also questioned White's decision-making. White will be starting the game against Baylor this weekend.

Also receiving first place votes in the AP poll are Nebraska and UCLA. Nebraska's rushing game is their key to success so far this season. They used 641 yards rushing to overcome five turnovers in rainy conditions for a 48-7 victory over Baylor. Eric Crouch scored three touchdowns and 132 yards, Thunder Collins rushed for 165 yards. Dahrran Diedrick rushed for 137 yards and a touchdown, and Josh Davies had 119 yards and a pair of touchdowns. UCLA has relied on their defense to carry them all season. On Oct. 13 against Washington, running back DeShaun Foster rushed for a school-record 301 yards and four touchdowns in a 35-13 win. Quarterback Cory Paus completed nine of 19 passes for 128 yards without being intercepted in the same game, extending his streak without an interception to 173 passes including 106 this year. UCLA allowed a school-record 368 points last year, but now ranks among the best defensive teams in the country this season, having given up 60 points. The Bruins are 14-4 in their last 18 games against ranked opponents.

All four teams with first place votes have started the season exceptionally, but upsets are a part of college athletics. Each has a challenging schedule, which adds to its computer rankings. At least a few of these talented teams should end up competing for a championship, but nothing is guaranteed. Whatever the outcome, this season will no doubt be entertaining and captivating.

Titan volleyball outscores Bethany in three sets

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The volleyball team had a big weekend with wins over Bethany Friday night and Allegheny Saturday afternoon.

The ladies raised their record to 17-8 overall and remained undefeated in the President's Athletic Conference at 7-0 with a three set win outscoring PAC rival Bethany 30-15, 30-15, 30-16.

Titan notables in the match include senior outside hitter Shannon Simmons, with three kills and two aces. Junior middle hitter Katie Spehar added ten kills and one block. Junior middle hitter Suzanne Fitz posted nine kills and four blocks, while junior setter Carolee Reed contributed 35 assists.

On Saturday, the ladies traveled to Allegheny and defeated the Gators in a four set match, 30-23, 26-30, 30-25, 30-21.

Strong performances in the win were Fitz, with 16 kills and two blocks, sophomore Dianna Barnes with 14 kills and Spehar who added 13 kills and four blocks. Seniors Simmons and Meredith Etcher contributed 11 and 10 kills respectively, while Reed put up 53 assists.

The program now sits at 18-8 overall and a perfect 7-0 in conference matches.

The Titan netters return to action Tuesday at Washington and Jefferson.

Photo by Joe Gill

The Lady Titans stand ready for action.

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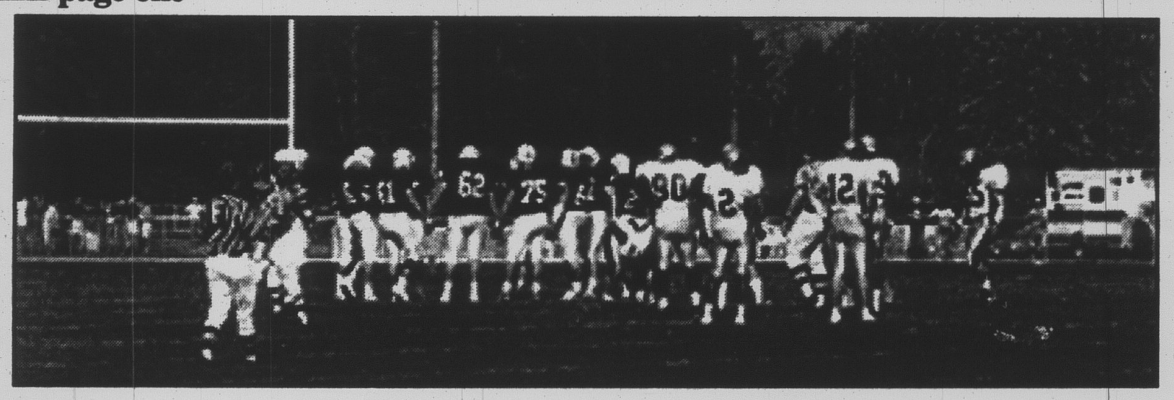
reigned for the third consecutive week as the top Titan rusher, carrying 23 times for 51 total yards.

Senior cornerback Bryan O'Neill had two interceptions, bringing his season total to four. The Titans end their home season tomorrow when they host Grove City College at 1 p.m.



Sports briefs

Lady Titan soccer wins 8-2 over Waynesburg

The women's soccer team improved to 12-4 overall against 8-1 teams from the PAC as the booters posted an 8-2 decision over visiting Waynesburg College. Westminster scored four goals in both halves to earn the win.

Seven different Westminster players scored goals in the win, led by sophomore midfielder Megan Chovan with two goals. Junior midfielder Erin Quinlan added a goal and two assists, while senior Ashley Pyle and junior Tammy Newell each added a goal and an assist. Also tallying single goals were senior Stacy Tempalski and freshmen Nicole Drummond and Stephanie Toth. Both Waynesburg goals were scored by Lisa Juskowich.

Westminster outshot Waynesburg 33-3 and held a 7-1 advantage in corner kicks. Senior Sarah Morrison and freshman Lisa Santorella split the win in goal, with Santorella making three saves.

The Lady Titan kickers return to action on Saturday, Oct. 20 as Westminster travels to face PAC rival Bethany College in Bethany, W. Va., at 3 p.m.

Women's tennis wins 8-1 over Waynesburg

The women's tennis team improved to 7-5 overall and 5-3 against teams from the PAC after defeating visiting Waynesburg College 8-1. It was the completion of a match which had begun Sept. 21 but had to be postponed due to inclement weather.

Westminster won five of six singles contests and swept all three doubles matches. Double winners for the Lady Titans included junior Anne Muir at #1 singles and doubles, senior Shannon Haines at #2 singles and doubles, and senior Brenda Rowland at #3 singles and #2 doubles. Other winners included junior Suzanne Dixon and junior Molly Householder, freshman Bethany Grubbs at #4 singles, freshman Amy Caliguiri at #5 singles and sophomore Daniela DiRupo at #6 singles.

Men's golf places fourth at Titan Invitational

The men's golf team placed fourth out of 12 teams at the Titan Invitational held on Oct. 15, hosted by the Westminster at the New Castle Country Club. The Titan linksters fired a four-man total of 329, to finish 16 strokes behind team champion Allegheny. The tournament concluded Westminster's fall golf tournament schedule.

Junior Drew Aufderheide and freshman Scott Voelker led the way for Westminster, with each carding an 80. Other Titan scores included junior Jim McGovern with 83, junior Dave Blazek with 86, and senior Justin Young with 87.

Westminster also played a "B" team in the event, which placed 10th with a four-man total of 369. Sophomore Kevin McCreary led the way with an 82, followed by freshman Matt Faccenda with 93, freshman Dan Wellman with 94, and sophomore Mike Ranella with 100.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"I just want to commend the school on getting our directories to us so quickly. It only took 44 days since the first day of class. Way to go!"

"Still no curtains in my room in Ferguson. Before break, they were like 'get your curtains down so we can put new ones up.' When did break end again? Still no curtains. Thanks for being so efficient and considerate."

"Chief saved the game...go chief!"

"Hooray for the new sidewalk. It sure does make a difference."

"The dessert pizza in the cafeteria this week was great. Keep up the good work Marriot."

"Yippee, another Celebrity Series; can I park in your yard?"

"It's really cool that the campus made it easier for us to get tickets to the Celebrity Series."

"Who stole the Rant and Rave box? You sure can do a lot of stuff with an empty, ripped-up box."

"I'm so glad they moved the fence back. Getting to classes is so much easier."

"I wish new shoes would come with a warning about hurting your feet. I wouldn't buy them then."

"The ER at Jameson is great. They never judge you."

"Homecoming weekend went really well. It was great to see all my old friends again."

"Snaps to the Happy Bus drivers...you guys rule."

"Fall in New Wilmington is so beautiful."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not endorse or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Students come first?

Respected guests, alumni, prospective students…wait, have we left anyone out? Oh yeah, current students, those people who are now paying tuition and taking classes here.

It took Homecoming weekend to really drive home the fact that current students are last on the college's list of priorities.

As students were asked to "not sit in the blue bleachers" reserved for alumni and others, many were left to wonder why they were the least important people at the event. While Homecoming is supposed to bring the alumni back home (along with their fattened wallets), the students who are actually part of the campus, who schedule and participate in the bulk of events, should be treated equally well. Maybe after we graduate we can get a decent view of the game.

We have a long-running tradition of putting the needs of others before the needs of current students. It seems that every time we turn around, those in charge have found another way to make visitors feel slightly more welcome by greatly inconveniencing us.

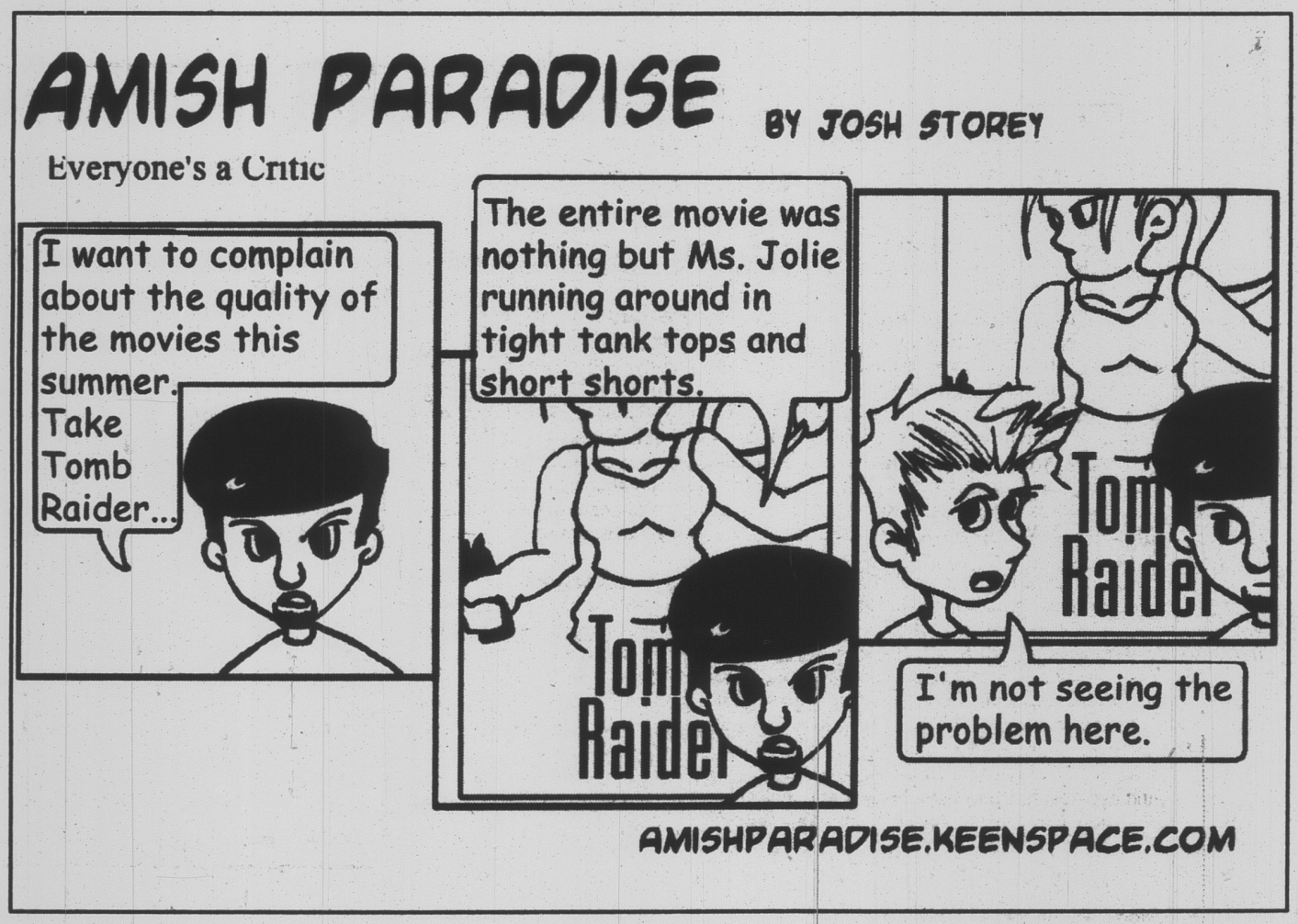
We are routinely treated in a manner that implies we deserve lesser respect due to our status as common students. We are driven from our regular parking spots when visitors come to campus for our Celebrity Series. We are crowded out of our cafeterias when the college hosts seemingly constant and endless events for high school bands.

Also, we are expected to modify our behavior on a moment's notice when the school decides on a new project. The paving of Physical Plant was quite the fiasco as students, freshly returned to campus, were called in the wee hours of Saturday morning to quickly move their cars before the lot was paved. A job of such proportions surely was planned before 8 a.m. that morning, so why were students notified at the last minute and then warned their vehicles would be towed if they failed to move them? To the relief of all, the burden was squarely placed on students to get their cars out of the way of progress before a reasonable amount of time could elapse.

Now that the TUB is under construction, resident lobbies are booked for events. Ferguson lobby, once a place where residents could study, converse, or watch television, has become a lecture hall. Students often come down the stairs, conversing in regular tones to be met with stares and dirty looks from people filling the lobby. It is incredible that after having their lobby stolen, residents are now to feel guilty for making any type of noise entering or exiting their building. It might disturb the various lectures and presentations being held there. Someone could take the initiative to post a sign on each of the floors notifying residents that a lecture is in progress, but it is easier to shame them for making noise in their own living environment. Perhaps this is the reason students don't live in academic buildings—they need a place to live, to sleep and to hang out without worrying about their professors or distinguished guest speakers invading their space and shushing them.

We have a long-running tradition of putting the needs of others before the needs of current students.

This is an invitation for those in charge to reconsider their priorities. Even if the discrimination and lack of respect shown to the students is unintentional, it still exists and is becoming a greater issue. For those who were unaware of how this makes the college appear in our eyes, here is your wake-up call. For students, here's to better days when we're alumni and we can sit and park where we please, when we are given reasonable requests, not demands—and no one enters our home uninvited to deliver an address.



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Guest editorial by Oscar E. Remick, former college president

The events of September 11 have kindled memories of Pearl Harbor and even the War of 1812, the last time this continent was attacked by a foreign power. The images of wanton destruction of properties and the cold-blooded murder of thousands of our fellow citizens will forever contribute to our national identity. The fear, rage, and determination of people to seek revenge reflect basic human survival instincts—instincts that undoubtedly played a major role in the evolution of humanity itself. And therein lies the challenge for us in this our time of testing. Passions stirred; reason blurred. Consequently, we are by natural inclination exposed to the risk of responding with the very kind of behavior we rightly condemn.

This is the situation and risk in which we find ourselves. Through the cacophony of inevitable and understandable emotions, we must hear those other voices within us calling us to our more noble selves. And that requires us to understand those whom we quickly classify as the destroyers, the enemy. Making certain we rightly identify them will in part determine whether this nation is able to demonstrate a greatness that surpasses its military and economic powers.

It is probably the case that most of us overlook the fact that Judaism, Christianity, and Islam share common roots. These are often referenced as religions of the book. Christians and Muslims together claim a great deal of the Hebraic tradition as the roots of their respective faiths. Islam recognizes and honors Jesus as a great prophet and claims as valid so many of the teachings of the New Testament. It is a religion established by Muhammad, regarded by believers as the Seal of the Prophets, that is, the final voice in a line of prophets that extends from Adam to Muhammad himself. Islam requires that one confess Allah (the God) as God, give alms, pray, fast, and make a sacred trip to Mecca. The founder's vision was to provide a basis for identity and unity of a people with powerful tribal diversities. He created a vision of the brotherhood of all Arabs. His teachings stress concern for the poor (thus fasting and alms-giving).

Unlike Christianity, Islam is a political religion. For a large number of Muslims, Allah is or should be regarded as the head of the state. This gives the body politic a religious sanction and is the basis for the often-referenced emphasis on jihad, or holy war—a fighting against all non-Muslims (infidels) for the spreading of Islam. This is why one's sacrifice of self in such a cause is rewarded with immediate access to paradise. Not all Muslims today are of this persuasion. Indeed, like so many religions, Islam has several different traditions or schools, some very conservative and others very "liberal."

Christianity, as the only non-political religion of the three "religions of the book," holds fast to the sanctity of all life as the creation and gift of God. Therefore, there is no basis for the teaching of suicide as we saw in those who hijacked and crashed the four commercial airplanes. Sharing with Islam a holy disdain for idolatry, Christianity sees that idolatry alive in making absolute any state, any human, any doctrine. Nor do many Christians believe that they gain access to heaven by anything they can do. It is a gift of God's grace.

While we recognize the common roots in the three religions born in the Middle East, there are also profound differences. And we desperately need now to understand each other—our shared heritage and our important distinctions.

Such understanding needs also to be supplemented by our efforts to see ourselves through the eyes of the Muslim world. In my conversations with many Muslims in both Egypt, Israel, and Palestine, I detected a fear of globalization, that is, the sweeping powers of capitalism and democracy (the essence of modern Western culture) in ways that threaten to eradicate the very identity of these individuals as a people, as different nations. While some would like to share in the good fruits of capitalism, they recoil at the images of a consumerism and materialism so often portrayed in such media as film and TV as producing immorality and irresponsibility. It is the culture of the West, supported by both economic and military advantage, that is seen as sweeping over them. And they are made to feel powerless to stop it. Threatened people are afraid. Fear easily breeds dislike and, in the extreme, a hatred that lashes out in acts of terrorism.

Nor can we overlook the perception of so many Muslim Arabs that our support of Israel is but blind loyalty that cannot or will not see what misery is inflicted on Arabs by the policies of Israel—as defensible as such policies are in the eyes of many Israelis. The greatest and wealthiest power on earth is perceived as indifferent or opposed to countless thousands of marginalized Arabs. Add to this the consequences for many innocent Arab Muslims of our country's punishment of Saddam Hussein and you have the makings of distrust, hurt, and resentment.

In spite of all the circumstances suggested by this analysis, the vast, vast majority of Arab Muslims are not out to do America in. The majority, I honestly believe, do not want us to identify them by the militant extremists in our own midst—extremists who destroy abortion clinics, murder doctors who work in such clinics, bomb a federal building, burn churches of African Americans, and/or brutally torture and kill gays. Militant extremists are not unique to the Muslim world. They are in every political body, in every society, and are a part of every culture.

We are told that on September 11, 2001 "began the first war of the 21st Century," one that our President indicates will be fought differently because the enemy is different from the enemies of previous centuries. This could also mean that America's greatness will be measured differently. An ability to focus our military responses on the terrorist themselves, as well as on those who aid and abet them, and not on their race, religion, or their countries, will require unprecedented sophistication in both our intelligence agencies and our weapons. And we will have to evidence uncommon restraint, uncommon ability to reason, uncommon humility lest we do on impulse what we must condemn by reason. After all, humility is surely a virtue for the mighty; for others, it may well be a necessity. In this way, we will be a great people because our compassion for the millions of Arabs who want peace, who seek justice, who want to be good neighbors, who would covet us as allies in their struggles for justice and for the benefits of the modern world without some of its liabilities.

We—Jews, Christians, and Muslims—share a common repository of traditions embodying the faith of our progenitors. That commonality must now be tapped to unite people of faith in the determination to expel from our midst the demons that reside in militant extremism, whatever its form. Leading the world toward such a goal will surely reveal to this global village our nation's distrust, and hatred that nurture the demon of extremism that is ever lurking in each of us.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the letters previously submitted to you regarding the campus-wide email fiasco about Martin Luther King Jr. Day, I must say that I think their arguments aren't really hitting the real issue.

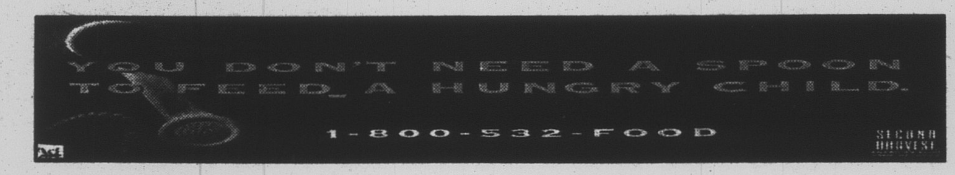
A wide opinion is about, that the professors who spoke against the isolation of MLK Day are *against* that day. I do NOT think this a true assumption. It is my opinion that the professors who mentioned days like Labor Day and Presidents' Day did have a valid point, in that those days deserve *just as much* consideration as MLK Day does. Labor Day and Presidents' Day are National Holidays, just as MLK Day is. Who is to say that MLK Day deserves all of this isolated attention, when ALL are recognized by the United States as EQUAL National Holidays?

Please do not get me wrong. I believe that Martin Luther King was a great man, and his message was a wonderful one. I would be right there on the front lines defending him should someone choose to assault his message. However, were not George Washington and Abraham Lincoln also great men? We should make it a priority to NOT get into an argument over who is the greater person.

I do not condemn MLK Day as a National Holiday, nor do I believe that the professors condemned it, or condemn it now. However, there is still this great hubbub over MLK Day and whether or not we should have class. But why ONLY MLK Day? Why single it out? I realize that it is very important to a lot of people, myself very much included. But to focus on that day and to leave other holidays on the sidelines confuses me. I ask my fellow students to give every holiday *equal* consideration, for I believe that is what the professors meant in their emails. Do not hold one above the others, for there will always be arguments about which holiday is the "best" or which person the holiday honors was the "greatest." I think that we are above that. I am greatly in favor of the school's recognizing of MLK Day. But to only consider that single day and turn a blind eye toward every other holiday is not necessarily the fairest choice. Give each one EQUAL consideration, and let the cards fall where they may.

Sincerely,

Drew Huston, sophomore



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Brad and Adriann go to the movies

Training Day

...what a day!

Serendipity

...what are the chances?

Brad Dell

I walked into *Training Day* with less than stellar expectations...but walked out with my cinematic appetite refreshed and rejuvenated. I love cop thrillers, and this is a doozy.

It is Jake Hoyt's (Ethan Hawke) first day on the job. Hoyt is a rookie police officer fresh off the traffic beat and straight out of the academy. In his new job he is partner to Alonzo Harris-a Los Angeles narcotics agent who works the streets better than the street scum. Hoyt knows that narcotics will put him on the fast track to detective. But he never imagined what a world his training day would reveal to him. In increasingly intense scenes, Harris shows Hoyt his own brand of street justice--intimidation, robbery, assault, murder and very few arrests. "You let the animals stay on the streets to take care of themselves."

Hoyt, like the audience, first sees these incidents as independent lessons in the classroom of the street. In time though, Harris reveals an elaborate scheme--with ruthless, deadly profit as its goal. Hoyt begins the day as green as mold, but when night falls, it goes like Confucius preaches, and the student out-streets the teacher. It is a training day for all, but only one learns the big lesson.

Training Day asks some fundamental moral questions. Can justice prevail on the streets? Can regular police survive "in the jungle"? Does a street cop have to stoop beneath the street scum in order to succeed? The film answers some of these questions...but it leaves others unanswered. This ambiguity is key to the film's success.

In the hands of lesser actors, *Training Day* would sink like a wheel-barrel full of cement. But Denzel Washington and Ethan Hawke are something close to brilliant. They flush out every available angle of these characters...fluttering on the edge between the valley of realism and the mountain of fantasy. This is a dance that takes skill.

Alonzo Harris is a wildly different role for Denzel. (I'll use his first name, as I would with any star of his caliber...you know: Julia, Tom, Tom, Mel, Nicole...) It's not that we are used to Denzel playing just the "good guy." I mean, Tom and Tom always play good guys too. But we are used to Denzel playing passionate, altruistic saint-like good guys. Denzel is the Hurricane; Denzel is Malcolm X; Denzel is Glory. But in *Training Day,* Denzel is far from selfless, far from a moral model. It is so exciting to see the good guy play bad. Denzel keeps Hawke's Hoyt and the audience from looking at Alonzo straight on. We are kept behind an ambiguous opaque façade. And when that façade is shattered, we're all looking at one another saying "I knew it," but thinking "I never saw it coming." I will admit that I've never been a fan of Hawke. (No first name...he's not Denzel, Tom, Tom or Julia.) His performances have always struck me as overdramatic, one-dimensional, teary-eyed, and well, just so greasy. But Jake Hoyt is a character I get. Hawke doesn't paint him as the ultimate good boy, playing God for the world to see. This is a character who is affected by what transpires in the day. He reacts to events in the film and he is changed at the end of the film. To pull off a truly dynamic character in the shadow of the legendary Denzel is a top-notch feat.

Director Antoine Faqua creates a technically superb piece of cinema. With our limited view through the camera lens, Faqua manipulates our unconscious opinions throughout the film. Oblique camera angles, blue and yellow lens filters and low-key lighting add to the palate of street scene blah to keep the audience in a state of moral confusion. Faqua also handles his stars like a pro. He delicately and masterfully weaves Denzel and Hawke almost as well as David Fincher meshed his *Fight Club* duo - Brad Pitt and Ed Norton. And for this, Faqua is placed only slightly below deity status.

David Ayer's script left a little to be desired. It had some good lines and a few surprise twists. But the film had a slow first half hour, and within the twists, the plot got very muddy. And please...there is no way that this entire string of events could take place in one day. But I guess "Training Week" just doesn't have as nice of a ring.

I give the film three stars, and I leave you with Alonzo's final words and the ultimate way to describe this film. "What a day."

Adriann Popovich

I have to begin by saying that I just can't resist a John Cusack movie. I've been a fan since the 1980's when I first saw the teen flick *Say Anything*. I'm not sure what it is that makes Cusack's portrayal of the average guy so charming, but *Serendipity* certainly charmed me.

The story begins when Jonathon (Cusack) and Sara (Kate Beckinsale) meet in a New York department store days before Christmas. The two reach for the same pair of gloves and hours later find themselves discussing the idea of fate and how it can bring two people together. As their evening ends, Jonathon pleads with Sara for her phone number but she insists that fate will bring them together again if it is meant to be.

Instead of giving Jonathon her number, she writes it on the inside cover of a book and he writes his on a $5bill. Sara spends the $5 and sells her book to a used bookstore, leaving it up to fate to decide if they were meant for each other.

Years later both characters find themselves days away from being married and thinking of their magical night in New York. The movie then becomes a whirlwind of close encounters as the two travel across the country and through New York trying to find each other before they say "I do."

John and Kate have great onscreen chemistry and mixed with beautiful night scenes of the city, the film is reminiscent of *Sleepless in Seattle.* Throughout the movie, both characters have a loyal friend to accompany them in their mad search for true love. Jeremy Piven and Molly Shannon fall into the roles of faithful sidekicks very well. Shannon is funny as she criticizes Kate for her irrational belief in fate and Piven gives an outstanding performance as Cusack's right-hand man. Piven's quick-witted character was one of my favorite parts of the film. I have to admit that it became frustrating at times when the main characters kept missing each other, but the clever writing and cinematography kept me interested and hoping the two characters would find each other.

If you're a Cusack fan, I promise you will not be disappointed with his latest film. *Serendipity* is a light-hearted romantic comedy that is definitely worth seeing, if for nothing more than to let yourself escape from the depressing reality of recent events and enjoy a film that captures the magic of New York.

Beth dabbles in aromatherapy; her advice: "have fun"

By Beth Staley
A&E EDITOR

Of the five senses, which one do you think is the most important? This is, of course, a loaded question. Maybe a better question is, which sense can really help you out? Which sense helps you know when to leave a musty room, when to turn your head to notice a person of the opposite sex, when to reminisce about holidays of your childhood, and most importantly--when and when not to eat in the cafeteria? For those of you who guessed that the sense of smell is responsible for such decisions, you are correct.

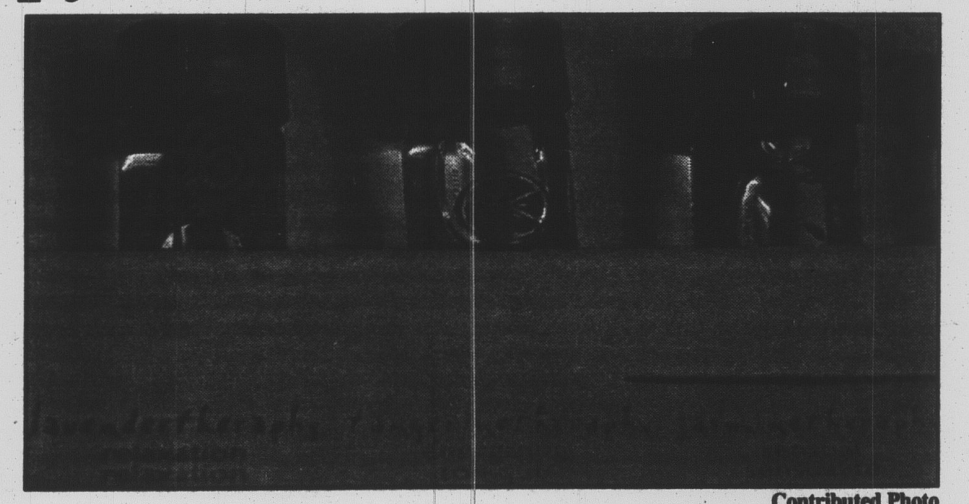
Many people are aware of the various pleasures that scent offers us. Scented candles, body sprays, lotions, soaps and even car air fresheners are all very common items in our lives. Most people, however, don't realize that our sense of smell can bring more than obvious pleasure--and sometimes pain. The art of aromatherapy offers many opportunities to help alleviate cold symptoms and stress, combat lethargy and depression and enhance relaxation and cheerfulness.

Aromatherapy deals with dozens of oils that can be affordable or expensive. As a general introduction, I'll discuss three of the most popular and affordable essential oils with aroma therapeutic benefits: lavender oil, tea tree oil and rosemary oil.

First, lavender oil is probably the most popular essential oil; it comes from the flowers, trees and stems of lavender. It is an excellent antiseptic. In a hot bath, a couple drops of lavender will treat insomnia and stress. To help someone relax, mix a couple drops of lavender oil with bland oil like Almond Carrier oil and use it during a massage. For a soothing foot massage, add four drops of lavender oil and three drops of rosemary oil to approximately 20 milliliters if almond oil. Sometimes, after a long day, I put the drops of lavender and rosemary into a basin of warm water and just let my feet rest; afterwards, my feet feel absolutely new. Athletes with sore feet should try this remedy.

Tea tree oil, which comes from the leaves of an Australian shrub, is also an antiseptic, but is not as irritating as lavender oil can be. Tea tree's power lies in alleviating cold symptoms. Before you go to the drugstore for cough drops and medication, add some tea tree oil to a bath or vaporizer, or even inhale just it a little bit. Any time the nasal passages need cleared, tea tree oil can help. If you have a fever, add three drops of tea tree oil and two drops of bergamot oil to 60 milliliters of iced water then soak a towel or wash cloth in the water and use it as a cold compress.

Finally, rosemary oil, from the flower tops and leaves of rosemary has a variety of uses. If you're having trouble focusing on your studies, a couple drops of rosemary oil in a bath will cure laziness and bad concentration. A few whiffs of rosemary can soothe the symptoms of bronchitis and other breathing problems. Also, to add health and gloss to your hair, add two or three drops of rosemary to a rinse after shampooing your hair. Always be sure to dilute rosemary oil well because it can irritate sensitive skin. If you are pregnant or have epilepsy, please refrain from using rosemary.



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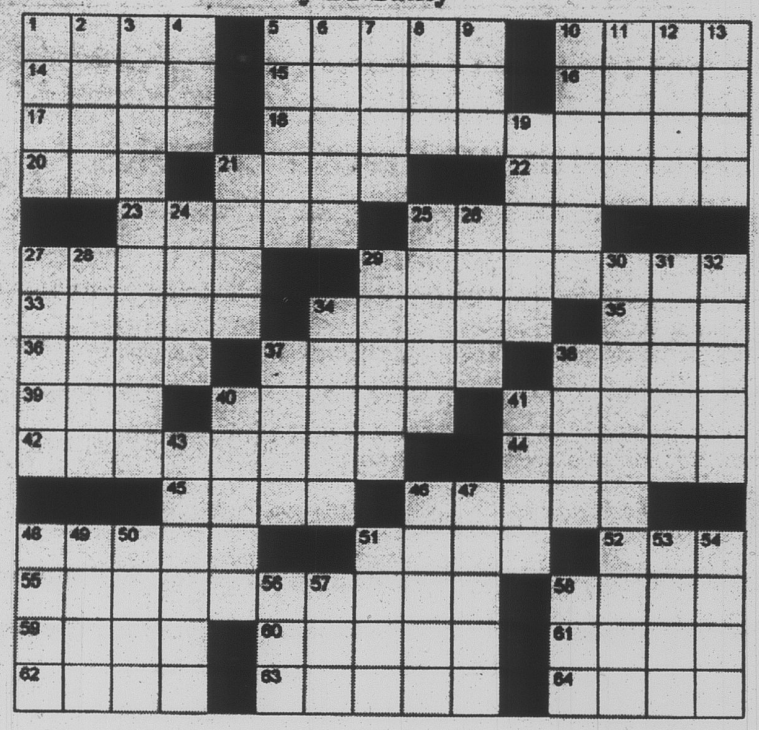
The Healing Garden offers affordable aromatherapy.

Aromatherapy has many benefits, but here are a few closing words of advice. Always dilute oil before applying it to skin. If your skin becomes irritated by oil, wash it promptly and add a little bit of almond oil. Reduce doses of oil for children, and use only lavender and chamomile for babies. Only a qualified aroma therapist should tamper with hissop, cinnamon, sage and clove. Apart from these warnings, have fun.

Crossword 101

Rough Road Ahead

By Ed Canty



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35 IRS tax deferral item
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38 Command word for Fido
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40 Bishop's head piece
41 Roly-poly
42 Frown on
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45 Yarn-spinner
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Quotable Quote

To know the road ahead, ask those coming back.

• *Chinese Proverb*

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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers:

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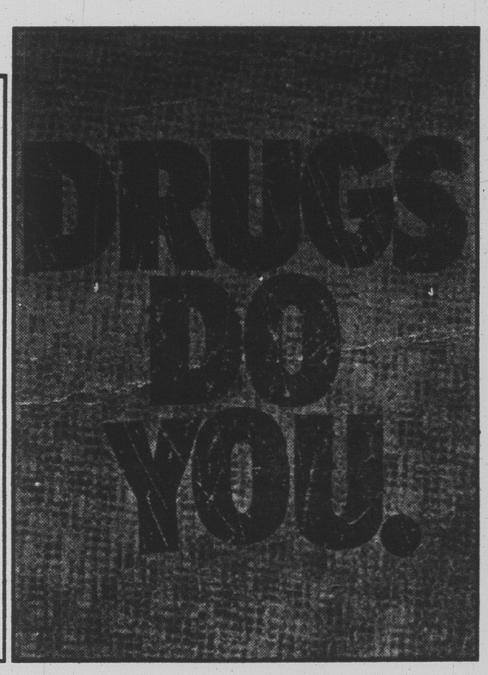


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Learn to recognize when you are finished with a particular venture and move on...resolve to try and do better next time. Plan a family event where everyone participates; your efforts will be appreciated by all.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Love is overflowing. Either a current mate will rekindle your flame, or you may be introduced to a new and exciting love. Whichever occurs, you are now essentially in a new relationship-for the rules have changed.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Opportunities abound for you. If the attitudes of those around you are holding you back, it's time to be a little bit more self-centered in order to move yourself closer to your goals.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Don't try so hard to keep everyone in your small circle happy. Any attempts to patch up an old relationship on the rocks will be met with frustration. Work may be a welcome relief from the worries you can't seem to leave behind. Use your tact and charm.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
It's time to act on the plan you have been formulating for improving your surroundings at home. Money will be tight, but cutting corners in other areas will make the project possible. You and your lifemate are on the exact same track.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Life is not without flaws, and the sooner you convince the perfectionist attitude in yourself, the happier you are going to be. There are some situations that will always be changing, and never perfect.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Your plans may go completely awry this week. Make the best of the situation and some good may come of it. Something very promising may come from a missed opportunity.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your hard work may not be noticed during the week. Make sure to satisfy yourself first, for you will never be able to count on others for your happiness. Be cautious about spending too much money.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Get help with money matters-possibly bank statements and transactions. Your financial footing may be much more stable than even you expected. Investigate all financial tips before taking any actions. If it seems to good to be true, it probably is.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Learn from a friend this week-sometimes spontaneity is the best course of action. Don't be so quick to judge others, you truly do not know what motivates and influences others to do what they do.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Pay attention to your intuition, particularly where love and romance are concerned. You may feel yourself being drawn into a very unusual relationship, but one that will keep your interest for many years to come.

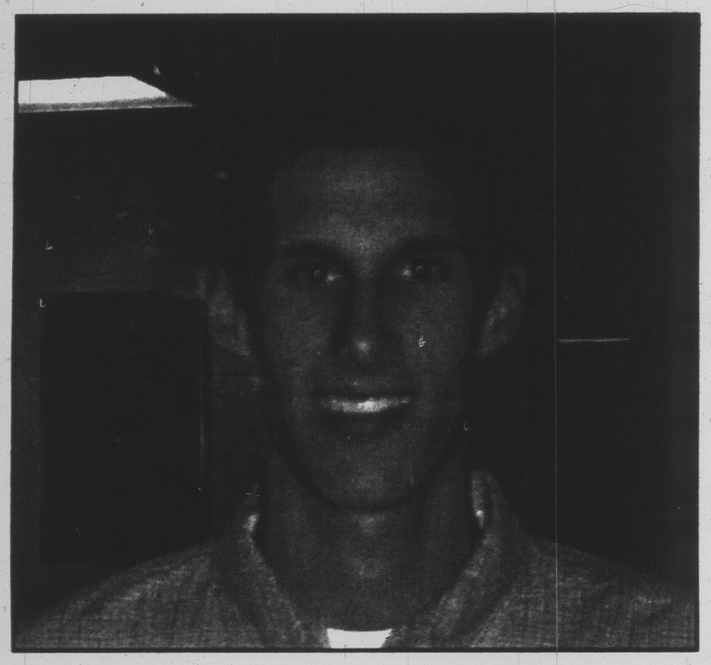
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
If you keep your feelings under wrap, it will create emotional upheavals, even though there is an illusion of control. It's ok to share your feelings with someone you care for. The feminine side of your nature is strongly present and it may make you feel a bit uncomfortable.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: To make your relationships better, avoid pettiness in all its forms when interacting with those close to you. Make sure all communications are crystal clear to avoid blowups and confusion. Take note of any exceptional dreams and try to analyze anything symbolic. Interweave practicality with philosophy.

FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood
This month featuring: Daniel Beckwith and Beth Brooks

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR



Full Name: Daniel "Dan" Nicholas Beckwith
Year at WC: Junior
Major/Department: Business Administration with a minor in Speech

What is your favorite word(s)? Can it be my favorite phrase? *Sure.* Then "No Dice" would be my favorite phrase.

What is your favorite book? I don't have a favorite book.

What is your favorite song or album? I have three…"Midwest Swing" by the Saint Lunatics, "Ugly" by Bubba Sparks, and "Where the Party at" by Jagged Edge and Nelly.

Do you have a pet? No, I don't have a pet. I did in high school – a dog… but he died.

If you could be one inanimate object what would you be and why? Ummm…wow, that's a good question. *Thank you.* I guess just a really nice car so people would admire me.

What is your biggest fear? Failing, just at anything I do.

What was your best Halloween costume? Last year, I wore a *Scream* mask and apparently I scared a lot of people.

What is your most valued possession? I'd say…my photo album of my girlfriend and I.

If you could be any character from any movie, who would you be and why? Two people come to mind…Chris Farley from *Tommy Boy,* because he is so funny and Harrison Ford in *Indiana Jones*, just because they are my favorite movies.

What are your goals or aspirations for this academic year? Does it have to be school related? *Not necessarily.* Then I'd like to break the school record in the 800 meter for track.

Full Name: Nancy Beth Burnside Brooks
Year at WC: I've been here since September of 1995
Major/Department: I've been in student affairs since 1998 and before that I worked with Carol Yova in the Lifelong Learning Office.

What is your favorite word(s)? Serendipitous…and I love serendipitous happenings.

What is your favorite book? Charles Frazier's *Cold Mountain,* or Annie Dillard's *The Living.*

What is your favorite song or album? I enjoy Diana Krall's new album.

Do you have a pet? I have a beta named Max and two pygmy frogs who are trained to stand on their hind legs. They sit right on my desk in the Student Affairs office (Max and the frogs are pictured with Beth).

If you could be one inanimate object what would you be and why? I'd say the kitchen table, because so many interesting things happen there – great conversation, the enjoyment of food and guests. All the elements are right there together.

What is your biggest fear? I don't have many fears; I'm too much of an optimist. However, I guess my biggest fear would have to be to dwell on fear.

What was your best Halloween costume? Last year, I teamed up with Dr. David Swerdlow and his daughter Rebeccah for Halloween. We took our costumes from *Jake Baked a Cake*. Rebeccah was the bride, David was the chef and I was the wedding cake.

What is your most valued possession? My collection of photographs or my library. If my house was on fire, that is what I would try to grab.

If you could be any character from any movie, who would you be and why? Edward Scissorhands – I find that his character is so fascinating and it would be a marvelous way to observe people's reactions.

What are your goals or aspirations for this academic year? One would be to assist in completing the plans for the sesquicentennial celebration. Another would be to be able to put faces to the names of at least 100 more students. Lastly, to help Habitat for Humanity, which is near and dear to my heart, to earn twice as much money as last year during the commencement rose sale.

The value of reality t.v.

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

As "Survivor III: Africa" premiered last Thursday, many students had to make a decision between the popular series "Friends" or the new reality program. Many of us felt an obligation to watch "Survivor" last year because of Amber, and were accidentally sucked in. This previously unforeseen addiction carried over for another season. So, what exactly is it about reality TV these days?

MTV's "The Real World," premiered 10 years ago. But reality TV didn't really become a trend until "Survivor" first premiered three seasons ago. Since then, reality TV shows have been popping up all over the place. We now have "Big Brother," "Lost," "Murder in Small Town X," "The Mole," "Temptation Island," and a plethora of others to amuse ourselves during primetime.

I must admit that I am not immune to this disease either. Over the summer, I found myself dedicated to "Murder in Small Town X." After the show finished, and the murderer was caught, I reassessed my reasons for watching. The show was horribly mundane and the characters seemed rather dumb to me, yet I still watched.

But then it dawned on me, the fun of watching these reality shows is to think about and discuss with others, what you would do if you were on the show and had to deal with the same situations. For instance, if I had been chosen as a participant in "Murder in Small Town X," I would have paid more attention to the murder suspects and kept a tally of their actions…or something along those lines.

I've also caught a few episodes of "The Mole," though strictly because Anderson Cooper is the host – remember him from "Channel One"? Other than that, I didn't think the show was as "quality" as some of the other reality shows, and I don't think its ratings were too great either.

Last year, while in training for my current position as feature editor, I was in charge of writing the weekly "Survivor" summaries for *The Holcad*. Because it was necessary to watch the show, I often found myself discussing the subplots with friends. Usually those subplots were exceptionally ridiculous, but it doesn't seem to matter. The show's participants could be talking about cheese, and we stare at the television sets wide-eyed and eager to hear how that affected who was voted off.

Last year "Temptation Island" was popular. I never watched the show, but I do remember a group of people in class asking if the professor would postpone a test because study time conflicted with the show.

I still think the reason we watch is so we can put ourselves in another person's shoes for an hour each week, which isn't necessarily a bad thing.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHING INTERNSHIPS are available in the summer of 2002 in Connecticut. Approximately 30-35 positions will be available in middle and high school programs in various disciplines such as English, fine arts, foreign language, history/social sciences, mathematics/computer science, psychology and science. The program runs from June 30-Aug. 2 with a salary range of $2,300-$2,400, with room and board. For more information, contact Choate Rosemary Hall Summer Programs at (203) 697-2365 or e-mail jirzyk@choate.edu or visit the web site http://www.choate.edu/summer.

CAMP COUNSELORS needed for the "Enduring Castle in the Sand" program in Wilmington, Del. This small, summer resident camp is located on Lewes Beech, Del. and serves children of normal mental ability ages 6-12 with varying degrees of speech, language, hearing and/or mild orthopedic disabilities.Two four-week sessions beginning with an orientation on June 9 will continue until Aug. 18. The position offers various responsibilities and comes with a base salary of $2,600, an air-conditioned, semi-private bedroom with bath, home-cooked meals and weekly scheduled time off.

STARBOUND ENTERTAINMENT, a local company, needs workers for national events. Training includes learning to work with giant parade balloons. Workers are need for Nov. 16-18, Nov. 21-25, and Dec. 1-3. For more information, contact Toni McKay at (724) 658-1408.

CAMPUSKIDS has summer jobs available in Conn., N.Y. and N.J. Campers are boys and girls ages 7-15 who stay in camp Monday-Friday and go home on weekends. For more information, contact CAMPUSKIDS at 1-800-633-7350 or e-mail StaffInfo@campuskids.com or visit the web site http://www.campuskids.com.

THE STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (SCA) has internships available that mix public policy with experience. Interns will live and work on Capitol Hill from mid-February to mid-May, and then serve in a national park from late May to early August. The duties are specialized depending on interest and major. While on Capitol Hill, interns receive a stipend of $450; while at a national park, interns will receive a transportation stipend, free housing and living allowance for food. Interns are also eligible for an AmeriCorps educational award. To apply, download and submit an SCA Conservation Internship Application available at http://www.sca-inc.org/vol/raca/racaapp/request.htm.

THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY has a paid summer program designed specifically for junior and senior computer science majors interested in network security. For applications and information, call 1-800-682-6200 or visit the web site http://www.nsa.gov:8080/programs/sneip. The deadline for application is Nov. 15.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 19
11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:00 p.m. M Soccer vs. Pitt-Johnstown (H)
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: My Fair Lady – Orr Auditorium
Chapel Office Fall Retreat – Seneca Rocks, WV
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Interviews

SATURDAY 20
CAMPUS VISITATION DAY
Chapel Office Fall Retreat – Seneca Rocks, WV
Men's and Women's Cross Country @ Geneva
1:00 p.m. Football vs. Grove City (H)
3:00 p.m. Women's Soccer at Bethany (WV)
7:00 p.m. Mass – Chapel
8:30 p.m. Newman Club Fall Bonfire – Anderson Amphitheater

SUNDAY 21
Chapel Office Fall Retreat – Seneca Rocks, WV
3:00 p.m. Senior Recital – Chapel
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers – Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting – House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting – HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie – Down Under

MONDAY 22
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship — Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting – Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta — Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta — PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu — PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa — PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha — Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting – HSC
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — Down Under

TUESDAY 23
11:15 a.m. Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting — OM 307
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship — Miller Board Room
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship Dinner – Down Under
7:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Washington and Jefferson
7:00 p.m. Orchestra — Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. RACT Meeting — PH 112/113

WEDNESDAY 24
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Jennifer DiLalla, "Teaching in a Foreign Culture"
4:00 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Bethany
6:00 p.m. Women's Soccer @ Geneva
7:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Geneva
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall
9:00 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Open House
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship — Down Under

THURSDAY 25
9:30 a.m. CCO Staff Meeting — Down Under
11:00 a.m. Kappa Delta Scholarship Banquet – Russell Dining Room
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice — Chapel
9:00 p.m. Star Gazing — Meet in Hoyt Science Center Lobby (weather permitting)

Wedding to be held in summer

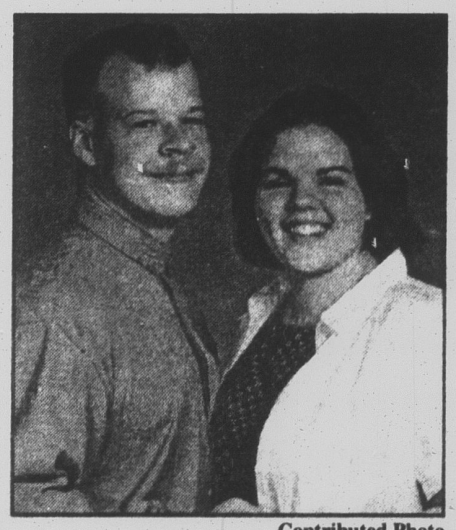
Senior Sarah Anne Huffman recently became engaged to Christopher Charles Kennedy.

The couple met on a horseback riding trip through a youth group on April 1, 1995. Kennedy proposed in Allegheny Forest, on the same rock where the two had their first kiss.

"Chris and I have been together for over six years, so we are very excited to take this next step in our relationship," Huffman said. "We appreciate all the support from our friends and family."

The couple plans a summer 2002 wedding. Huffman's sister, Jill, will be the maid of honor for the wedding, which will take place outdoors. Specifics of the nuptials have yet to be determined.

Huffman is the daughter of Ron and Sandy Huffman of Erie, and Kennedy is the son of Charles and Cindy Kennedy, also of Erie.



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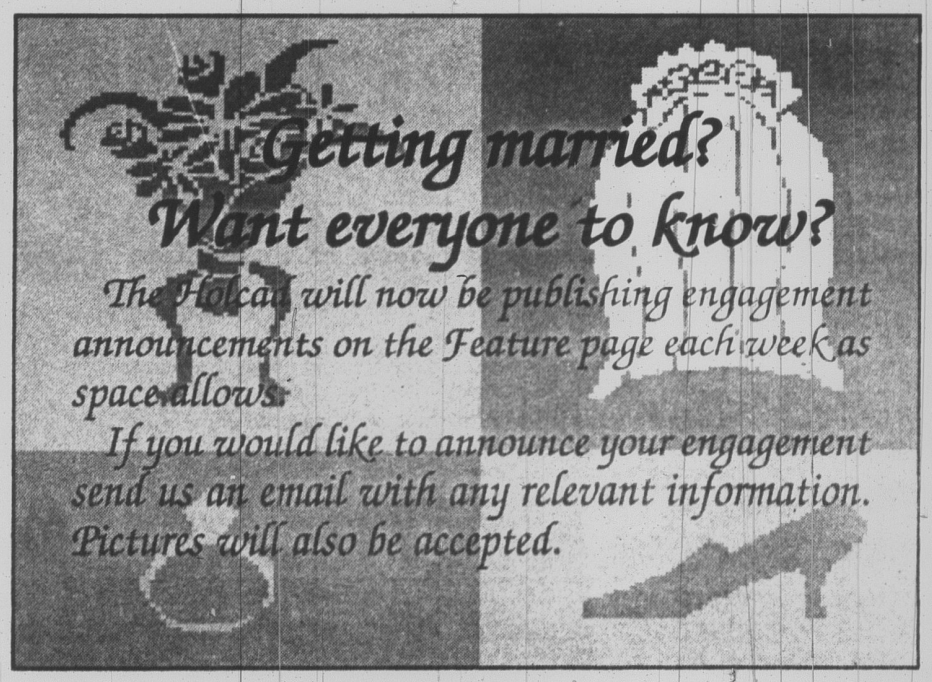
Kennedy and Huffman



At the Down Under

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Inquiry Movie Weekend I

October 19 - Friday

7:30 p.m.

Movie: *Contact*

10:00 p.m.

Movie: *Billy Elliot*

October 20 - Saturday

7:30 p.m.

Movie: *Billy Elliot*

10:00 p.m.

Movie: *Contact*

Upcoming Events Fall '01

Oct. 26 & 27: Inquiry Movie Weekend II

Nov. 3 : Illusionist - Craig Karges

Nov. 10: Comic - Tim Young

Nov. 16 & 17: Inquiry Movie Weekend III

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1: Inquiry Movie Weekend IV

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Fall Retreat promotes faith

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"The link" was the theme of this year's retreat.

By Erika Hink
STAFF WRITER

Fall Retreat, co-sponsored by Titan Traverse and chapel staff, took place Oct. 19-21.

This theme of this year's retreat was, "the link." The focus was on making links between the experience over the weekend, school, people in the group and challenges.

"We want to give people a chance to get away from Westminster for a while to clear their head and focus on what's important in life," said Keturah Laney, chaplain's assistant.

Participants picked up their equipment on Thursday night, then packed their warm clothes and other personal items. The next morning they met at Old 77 to pack the group gear, stoves, tarpaulins and other equipment before leaving for the mountains. They arrived Friday night at North Fork Mountain, part of the Monongahela National Forest in W. Va.

The group was broken up into four smaller groups of eight to 10 people. Each group focused on caving, rock climbing or rappelling. An adult and student leader facilitated each activity.

The caving group spent Friday night in the cave while the others hiked up the mountain. Once at the top, the hikers started campfires, settled in and went to bed early.

Students slept on and under large tarpaulins. "You could fit 12 people under one. It was a little cold the first night, but the second night wasn't that bad" said Joy Barron, assistant director of Titan Traverse.

Everyone woke up at 7 a.m. Saturday morning. One group spent the day exploring the inside of the cave, another climbed a mountain at Otter Creek and the last group went 150 feet down the mountain.

At night, the groups ate at the campsite, where they talked about the day meaningful events. Steve Allen, college chaplain, said that about half the group laid on a rock, looked up at the stars and thought about the day. "It was really a snapshot moment," he said.

On Sunday the students left the campsites and moved on to Coopers Rock near Morgantown. At the worship service there, Allen spoke about the importance of the weekend. Also the groups met back up as one and reported what happened at their separate sites.

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North Fork climb

"It was really awesome just getting to meet back up with everyone and hear their stories," sophomore Erin Chittock said. Chittock is a member of Titan Traverse and said she hopes to be a facilitator on the Spring Retreat in Georgia.

According to Chittock, the Fall Retreat is a time to develop faith and to discuss important issues with others.

Get the vaccine to lower risk of deadly disease

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

With the current threat of an Anthrax outbreak, students and parents alike have almost forgotten about an infection that was once a major concern on all college campuses: meningitis.

Meningitis is dangerous because it exhibits the same symptoms as the common cold or flu. It is also relatively rare, so many people ignore the symptoms. Up to one out of five people who develop meningitis will die and of those who survive, up to one in five will suffer from a permanent disability such as amputation, hearing loss or brain damage. Some of the warning signs include a headache, sensitivity to light, fever, nausea, vomiting, extreme fatigue and a stiff neck.

There are two main types of meningitis, bacterial and viral. According to Student Health Center Director Judy Duda, the college has had one case of viral meningitis. "I've been here for 18 years and I have only seen one case, the student made a full recovery and came back to school and graduated," Duda said.

If you feel you may have meningitis, it is important to get to a doctor immediately. The infection can progress rapidly and cause dangerous swelling to the brain and spinal cord. A sample of the patient's spinal fluid is the only way to diagnose meningitis.

Freshmen living on campus and babies are the two high-risk groups affected by meningitis. College students are prone to the disease mainly because of crowded dormitories. The infection is easily transmitted through the air through droplets of respiratory secretions and by kissing, eating or drinking after an infected individual.

Duda said she does not think an outbreak

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Jacqueline Pusztay
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New track almost completed
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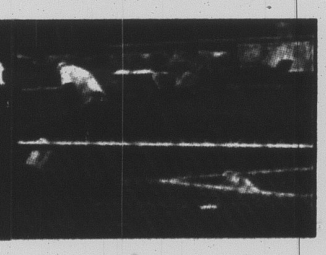

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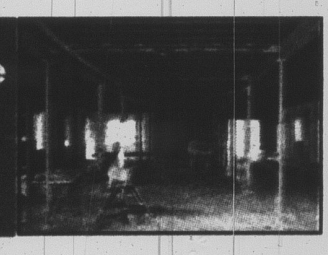

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Sunday: P. Cloudy high 47° low 34°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Sodexho and Dannon team up to help stop hunger

By Lauren Annibale
STAFF WRITER

For students, it can be hard to find time to contribute to the community, but Sodexho, the college's food management service, is providing an opportunity to help stop hunger.

Sodexho and Dannon yogurt are sponsoring a charity campaign known as "S.T.O.P. Hunger - Put A Lid On It," which stands for Sodexho Teams Our People. Dannon, the brand supplier of yogurt at the college, is joining Sodexho in this effort. Collection bins have been placed in the TUB where students can put the lids of yogurt containers.

"All students have to do is take the plastic lid off and put it in the box," said Beth Wineland, catering and retail manager. "Then we count the lids and mail in the box." Dannon will make a maximum $25,000 donation for the S.T.O.P. Hunger Campaign.

The collection bins can only be found in the TUB, since that is the only place on campus to purchase yogurt. According to Wineland, students have already begun to contribute their yogurt container lids. The bins will be kept in the TUB until the end of the semester.

Sodexho representatives said they would like to expand this campaign to involve the community. Sodexho also serves several other local colleges including, Allegheny College, Mercyhurst College, Wheeling Jesuit University and Franciscan University of Steubenville.

In the coming months, there will be other charity campaigns to participate in. Wineland said that the "Caring Cans" campaign would take place before holidays. Those donations will be given to several local charities.

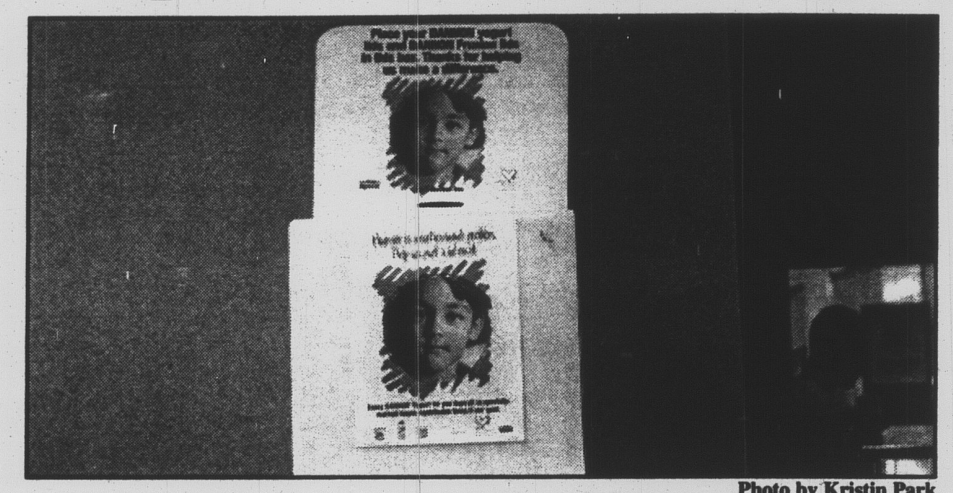

Photo by Kristin Park
A receptacle is in the TUB to collect yogurt lids.

History honor society sponsors colloquiums

By Isaac Ludwig
STAFF WRITER

Phi Alpha Theta, the campus history honor society, has started a colloquium program to promote unity within the history department, to commemorate the field of study, and to help history students better understand what they can do with their degrees.

The first colloquium focused on internships in the history field. Upperclassmen shared their experiences with different types of history internships. "We have a colloquium once a month and try to bring people who work in the field of history to let members and the community know what can be done with a history degree," Vice President Kaitlin Ehrhardt said.

The second colloquium was held on Oct. 16 and featured Architectural Historian and Principle Investigator for Sagamore Environmental Services, Ralph Wilcox, who spoke on the topic of historic preservation. Wilcox, a 1995 Westminster graduate, attained his master's degree from Ball State University and now works as a historical preservationist in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"The colloquiums are open to all history majors and minors, as well as anyone who is interested," President Molly Weaver said. The organization plans to invite an archivist to speak at the colloquium next month.

The organization has not been extremely active in the past, but last year began to work more on group motivation. Next month the group is planning to take a trip to the Heinz Regional History Center in Pittsburgh. "We also plan to host a Christmas party in December and a trip overseas for Spring Break," Ehrhardt said.

The members of Phi Alpha Theta hold bimonthly meetings during which they discuss historical topics and issues they confront in their field. "We try to pick articles pertinent to current events, ones that are interesting and thought provoking," Ehrhardt said.

To join the group, students must be history majors, must have taken at least four history classes and must maintain a 3.1 GPA in these classes. The group is currently composed of 17 members, all juniors and seniors. The organization is dedicated to working to make itself a visible, effective organization that elevates the caliber of performance within the history department by promoting the studying and writing of history. For further information, contact Molly Weaver at EXT. 7796.

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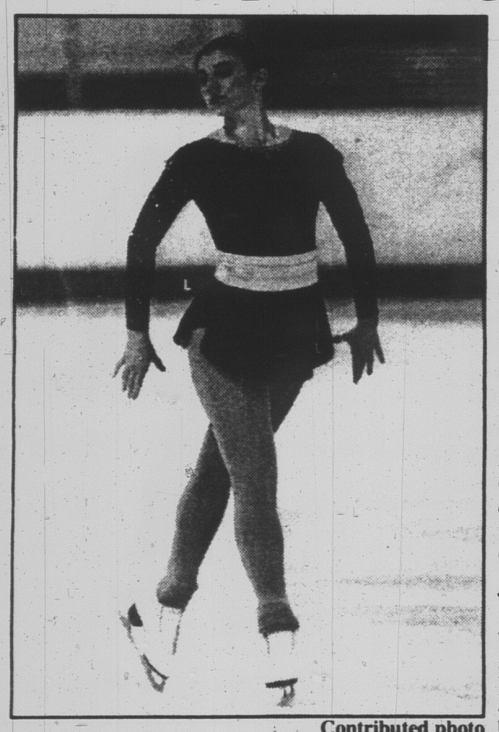
is likely. "In the past that has not been the case," Duda said. No one else was infected when the isolated case was discovered on campus.

The school offers a vaccination opportunity once a year; about 200 people were vaccinated last year. Oct. 11 was this year's vaccination opportunity. The vaccine is about 70% effective and lasts for three years. This lower than expected success rate is due to the many different bacteria strains that can infect a person.

It is important to protect yourself against meningitis and be aware of its symptoms. A stiff neck is usually a sign of a meningitis infection. "That's the first thing we ask them about when they come in and complain of flu symptoms, just to be sure," Duda said.

The vaccination is the best way to protect from infection. "I would recommend that all first year students seriously consider and speak with their physician about getting vaccinated," Duda said.

Pusztay places eighth in figure skating competition



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Jacqueline Pusztay on the ice.

By Ashley Mondale
STAFF WRITER

With her boots laced tightly and her skates sharpened, Jacqueline Pusztay took the ice in Lake Placid, N. Y. last weekend to compete in the amateur regional figure skating competition.

Four hundred skaters participated in the competition held Oct. 16-20. Pusztay, a sophomore political science major, took the ice against 20 others in her bracket, junior ladies. Each skater completed a long and short program in the initial round. Those with high scores moved on to the final round and performed again. The scores from each program were averaged together to produce a score from the weekend. Pusztay placed eighth overall with her program that features music from the JFK movie soundtrack and "I Don't Know How to Love Him" from *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Pusztay began skating at an early age. While she started out roller-skating, she moved to ice skating when she was eight years old. "There are so many more opportunities for a figure skater than for a roller skater," Pusztay said. "There are more coaches available and you can do things like Disney on Ice or even shows in Las Vegas where you could make a lot of money."

And money is important. Ice-skating is a very expensive sport. Ice time alone can cost $10 per hour. The costumes Pusztay wears during her shows cost $200-300 each and she has a different outfit for each program. She also needs new skates every six to eight months. "I try to go more towards eight, it makes it a little easier on my parents," she said.

Pusztay admits she doesn't practice as often as she should. However, she tries to get on the ice five days a week for three to four hours. She works on her choreography and jumps like the triple Salchow. When not on the ice, she hits the gym for a weight lifting and cardiovascular program.

All the hard work pays off when Pusztay enters a competition. "I love the competition environment. I get to travel and I'm treated so special," she said. Another perk in the skating world is meeting celebrities. She once got to meet Todd Eldridge, world champion figure skater, at a competition.

Pusztay is even trained by a student of Carol Heiss Jenkins, an Olympic medalist.

Trick or Treat

in the women's dorms

Wednesday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m.

New all-weather track to be completed in three weeks

By Melissa Logan
STAFF WRITER

After numerous delays, the new all-weather, rubberized track is to be completed in the next three weeks.

The facilities include a 400-meter, eight-lane track, high jump station, long jump and steeplechase pits, pole vault and throwing events areas. The Hoyt Foundation of New Castle donated $500,000 for the project.

"This is a nice asset to the athletic facilities we currently have, not only for the track team, but for all sports," said Roxanne Scott, assistant track coach.

Many coaches and students said they look forward to the benefits of having the track.

"I expect teams to use it for practice, athletes to use it for training and the community for exercise," said Larry Ondako, track head coach.

Not only will it enhance the appearance of the campus, it will also positively influence recruitment of all students, particularly athletes. Coaches have said they expect a larger number of track and field participants this year.

"It will be nice to have home meets. I am excited to show the fans the hard work we put in at practice," said Scott Fabry, senior member of the track team.

The new location for practice is also a plus. "Instead of walking to the high school, we will be able to practice here. That's helpful," said junior track member Erin Quilan.

A dedication ceremony for the facility was held Sept. 29 at a home football game. As part of the celebration, President R. Thomas Williamson and Steve Sant of the Hoyt Foundation spoke. Children of faculty members ran on the track in the symbolic first run.

Kyler Allen, Kaleb Boudewyns, Jonathan and Kandice Harnter and Carli Swartz participated in the 25-meter sprint.

Delays for track completion were weather-related. The construction crew of Southwest Recreational Industries, Inc. postponed the starting date due to the weather at their previous project. Paving was stopped due to extreme heat in the summer months. Contractors are now waiting for dry weather to finish the last layers.

"The completion of the track could take anywhere from one and a half weeks to three weeks depending on the weather. The track needs coated with urethane and then the rubber layers need time to set. The colder it gets, the longer it takes," said Mike Larson, site foreman.

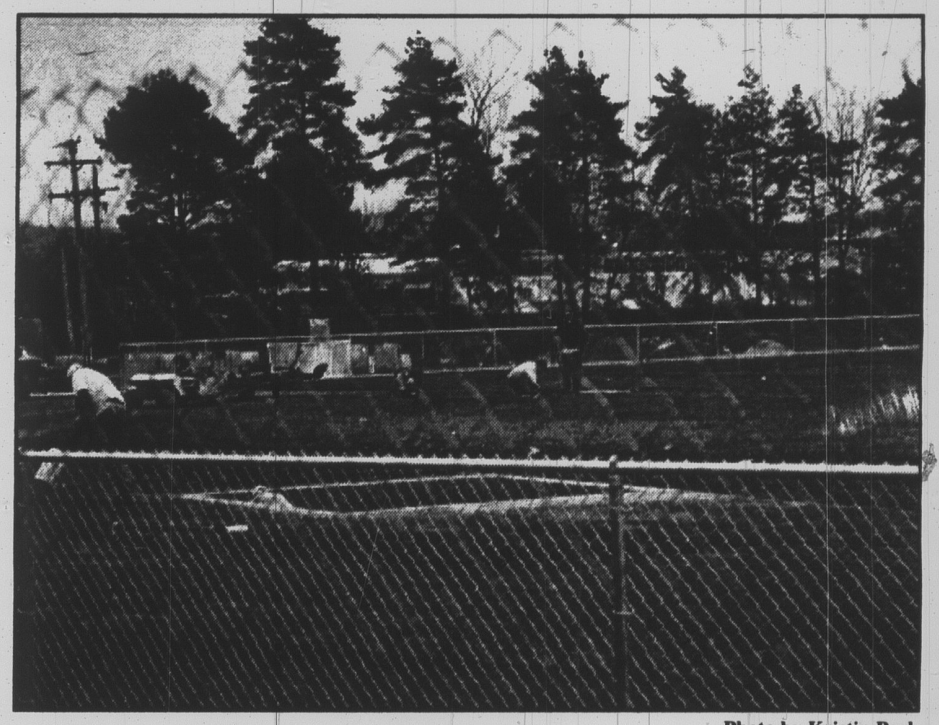

Photo by Kristin Park
Construction workers are nearing completion of the new all-weather track.

Inquiry 103 offered to more experienced students

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Almost everyone on campus has answered or is in the process of answering these four questions: How do we know? What is the nature of humankind? What is the good and how can humans attain it? What should we make our ultimate concern?

These are the four questions Inquiry 101 and 102 are designed to help freshmen answer; they form the base of the liberal arts education.

Since Lifelong Learning Program students are usually older than traditional students, however, a separate course, Inquiry 103, was instituted to cater to the needs of the more than 100 currently enrolled LLP students.

"Inquiry 101 and 102 were created to help 18-year olds become college students. The classes help them think differently," said Carol Yova, director of LLP. "The classes help them adjust to college life emotionally and build bonds, and most importantly, to look at themselves and understand where they are in the world," Yova said.

"At 30 or 40 years old, or older, you've already looked at yourself that way several times. Our LLP students need a different skill set to prepare themselves for a liberal arts education," Yova said. "Also, many of our LLP students have two-year degrees or have taken some other college courses, so they do not need a course to help them adjust to college life."

The different set of skills includes a more detailed look into the technology required to be a student today. It was discovered that many LLP students needed more computer training before starting their college careers, so much emphasis is placed on teaching computer skills.

While the basis of Inquiry 101 and 102 remains the same each year, Inquiry 103 is modified to fit the needs and personality of the students. "The course is different because the students have different needs," said Jesse Mann, associate dean and instructor of Inquiry 103. "The self-awareness aspect taught in 101 and 102 is not as relevant for LLP students."

"So far this year we've done a variety of activities," Mann said. "We did a library orientation, a yoga demonstration to supplement a lecture on Eastern religion, and I'm really pushing computers."

Mann said he is optimistic about the future of the course. "There have been no negative reactions to what we've done. Despite a heavy workload, the students are very interested in class discussions," Mann said. "The diversity is amazing. It's really a great situation."

Hillside ghost expected to attend Hallowen Concert

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

Are you looking for something to do this Halloween? How about something free, scary, and in close proximity to the dorms?

A Halloween concert is taking place at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Oct. 31 in a pitch-black Orr. The only light in the house will be projected toward the organist on stage. And as if that isn't scary enough, the Hillside Ghost is expected to attend.

Elizabeth Harrison, assistant professor of theory and organ, is in charge of the concert, and has taken special measures to ensure that the ghost of Hillside will make an unforgettable appearance.

"I've talked to the Hillside ghost and requested its presence at the show," Harrison said. "The ghost is definitely thrilled to attend, considering the show is being held in its honor."

By the end of the program, everyone in Orr will know everything they want to know about the ghost, and maybe even more.

"The only request I made was that it not bother the organist on stage," Harrison said. "I've made it clear that if the ghost wants to go out and communicate with the audience during the show, it's fine with me."

Though this is the first year the Halloween concert is being held on this campus, Harrison was in charge of the concert for three years while she was a doctorial student at Stanford University. The concert became a staple there, attracting as many as 1,000 students. Similar Halloween Concerts take place on campuses across America, including University of Michigan and Arizona State.

Getting it started here was not an easy task.

"This has been in the works for over a year," Harrison said. "We're having fun tying it into the existing campus lore and history, so we're basically playing on people's fears."

If you do not regularly attend concerts, rethink this one. It will be more of a holiday extravaganza than a concert. It is also a chance to see your fellow students do what they do best.

"We hope this concert attracts people who don't normally attend concerts," Harrison said. "Also, it's a great way for students to see their peers' talent, which motivates the participants to practice more."

Sophomore Jen Braden is one of the seven musicians playing in the concert.

"I've been playing for five years, but this is my first concert," Braden said. "I'm a little nervous, but mostly excited to see what it's going to be like. We're expecting a really big crowd."

Gail Wittman, an LLP student, will also be playing in the show. Preston Dibble will be playing, too, as a representative for alumni.

Since the theme of the event is Hillside's ghost, Elizabeth Harrison is going to be dressed up as Miss Amelia McIntosh, a dorm mother from the early days of Hillside. The other musicians will be costumed as well.

"I'll be wearing a poodle skirt and saddle shoes," Braden said. "But expect a wide range of costumes on stage."

Senior Steve Klebacha will be playing the organ.

"I'm playing Bach's Toccata in D Minor," Klebacha said. "It's a song that you would associate with Halloween. While listening to it, you half expect to see scary things flying out of the woodwork."

Because this is the first time this event will take place on campus, the people involved are eager to see the students' reaction to it.

"We're really excited to see how it turns out," Klebacha said. "Dr. Harrison has been such an excellent motivator. She's looking forward to it as much, if not more, than us."

If you want to celebrate Halloween the right way, attend the Halloween Concert at 7:30 in Orr Auditorium. And be prepared for a big scare.

HALLOWEEN

The history of pumpkin carving and painting in the U.S.

By Karen Coulter
STAFF WRITER

Pumpkin carving brings to mind fond childhood memories for many. However, most people do not know where this tradition began.

According to Halloween-magazine.com, Halloween is based on an ancient Celtic holiday, Samhain, which means "summer's end." It was believed the veil between the realm of the living and the dead was at its thinnest at the end of the Celtic year, starting at sundown Oct. 31 thru sundown on Nov. 1.

Burning lumps of coal, and later candles, were used to light carved turnips or gourds on this magical night. These jack-o'-lanterns were placed on windowsills and doorsteps, with the belief their glowing faces would welcome deceased loved ones and frighten away evil spirits.

In America, European settlers, particularly the Irish, found the native pumpkin perfect for carving. Pumpkins were unknown in Europe before the time of Columbus. They are indigenous to the western hemisphere and have been grown for over 5,000 years. It is a fruit, which along with squash, belongs to the Cucurbitacae family.

It wasn't until the late 1800's that Halloween became popular in the United States. Though the religious significance of the holiday has passed, pumpkins are still carved in celebration.

Traditional carvers enjoy creating pumpkins as they cut freehand. With new safety knives, it is an activity people of all ages can enjoy. Those who desire more of a challenge may choose to use stencils.

Detailed carvings of faces, black cat silhouettes and holiday greetings can be created with the use of pumpkin stencils. PCJackolantern.com offers downloads of patterns and tools that will help budding pumpkin artists. Patterns may be sized to fit your individual pumpkin.

Patterns are taped to the pumpkin and traced onto the surface using a small piercing tool. An ice pick or nail can also be used. Care should be taken when transferring the pattern, since this is a guideline for cutting.

Once the paper is removed, the outline of the design will show as a series of dots. A carving saw is used to "connect the dots" and cut the pumpkin.

"I usually do happy faces, but I want to try a stencil kit and make a picture this year," junior Erica Hink said.

Those interested in learning more about Halloween and new carving techniques can visit Pumpkin-carving.com.

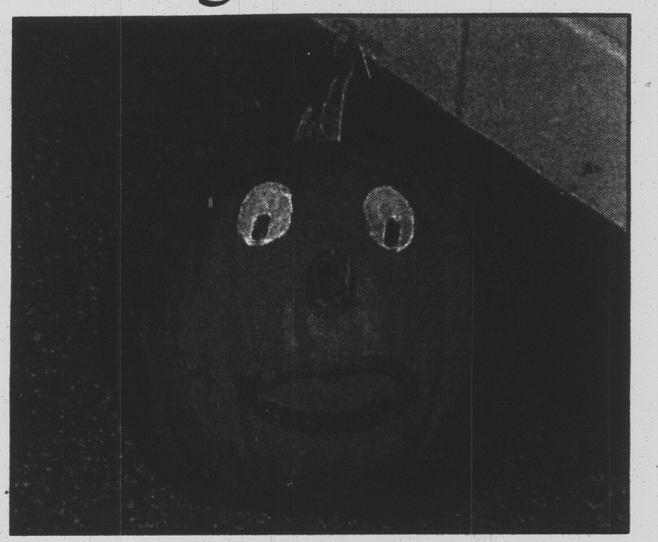

Photo by Jon McKay

Some people choose to paint pumpkins instead of carving them.

Safe tricks can add to the excitement of Halloween night

By Seth Bontrager
STAFF WRITER

Halloween, for some, is a time to go out and have crazy fun pulling pranks. Other than just the one night of Halloween fun, pranks are a daily activity for some.

Junior Richard King enjoys wearing underwear on his head and jumping out of bushes scaring little kids. "There's nothing better than seeing the look on a kid's face as he's trying not to wet himself," he said.

Toilet papering a friend is one of the most widely used pranks. For many, seeing a toilet paper roll flying through the air never gets old.

Senior Lucas Shipe said he likes shaving people's eyebrows while they are unconscious. "There is nothing better than seeing their eyebrows grow in all shaggy after a few months."

Sometimes pranksters move their friends' cars to different parking lots.

The August issue of *Stuff* magazine ran the article, "Revenge Is Yours," which listed several good prank ideas. One really good prank involved water-soluble nontoxic red dye. The prankster adds a few drops of dye to friends' drinks which will later turn their urine bright red.

Sophomore Matt "Buzz" Buzard, said he loves the classic stink bomb. "Just watching tears come to people's eyes as they pretend to be in an excruciating nauseous state is enough to bring a smile to my face," he said.

A good trick involves taking a cup of warm water and placing the hand of a sleeping person in it.

The September issue of *Stuff* explains another unique trick called "The Mark of the Quarter." This trick can be executed in three steps: (1) Take a normal quarter and mark the entire edge with a pencil. (2) Bet your unfortunate friend that same quarter that he can't hold it between his thumb and index finger without touching the edge and roll it from his forehead to his chin. (3) Give him the quarter, congratulate him, and try not to laugh as you walk away. For the happy ending, you should notice two things. First, a look of victory since your friend has just won the bet, and secondly, a highly noticeable black line running from his hairline to his chin.

Tricks aren't meant for just Halloween, but for every day of the year as long as they are conducted safely and don't harm others.

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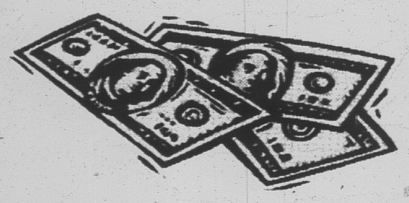

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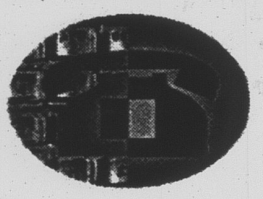

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

New Jersey postal worker hospitalized for anthrax

PHILADELPHIA - A New Jersey mail processing worker remained hospitalized as hazardous materials crews swept his Levittown house for signs of the anthrax with which he has been diagnosed.

The 35-year-old Levittown man, who works in a New Jersey mail-processing center, was in stable condition Saturday at a hospital, where he was being treated for the skin form of anthrax.

"He's still doing well," said Maria Slade, a spokeswoman for Frankford Hospital-Bucks Campus. "He continues to respond well to antibiotic treatment."

Hazardous materials crews early Saturday swept the home of the man, who works in the Hamilton, N.J., regional mail center that handled anthrax-tainted letters sent to NBC anchor Tom Brokaw and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

A third contaminated letter mailed to the New York Post also bore a Trenton postmark, New York City police said Saturday night.

Bucks County District Attorney Diane Gibbons said the postal worker told investigators the clothing he wore the day the center handled the suspect mail was at his home. She assured area residents the disease is not contagious.

The man, who authorities declined to identify, was the second postal worker from the Trenton, N.J., area to be diagnosed with the disease and the first confirmed case in Pennsylvania.

A female postal worker who may have handled those letters was diagnosed with skin anthrax earlier this week.

Postal Inspector Tony Esposito said Thursday that officials were "almost certain" that a third employee, a maintenance worker who serviced mail-sorting machines at the Hamilton facility, also has anthrax. Tests results are pending. Officials have stressed that skin anthrax is not contagious and responds well to treatment.

Pennsylvania Department of Health spokesman Richard McGarvey said the man is being treated with antibiotics and is expected to recover.

"It isn't life threatening in any way," McGarvey said.

The man was admitted to the hospital Wednesday with a blisters and a rash on his neck. A blood culture confirmed the anthrax diagnosis Friday. McGarvey said authorities are not certain how he contracted the disease. In a written statement released by the hospital the patient said he is "doing well and feeling fine."

The Hamilton postal center collects mail from 46 postal offices throughout central New Jersey. Letters to Brokaw and the New York Post bore Sept. 18 Trenton postmarks. The other letter, mailed to Daschle, was postmarked in Trenton on Oct. 9.Postal officials in New Jersey have been examining video surveillance tapes to try to determine the source of the letters.

Graffiti artist causes over $15,000 in damage to Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH-City police say they have identified "Mook"--a daredevil graffiti artist who has bedeviled police efforts to stop him--and now they just have to find him.

Police on Saturday said they have an arrest warrant for Michael Monack, 18, of neighboring West Mifflin, who had been staying with his grandmother in Pittsburgh.

An anonymous letter and other clues prompted police to search the grandmother's house earlier this week where they found paint and various graffiti supplies, stolen railroad and other signs--everything but Mook himself.

When police couldn't get Monack to turn himself in earlier this week, they obtained an arrest warrant but were still looking for him Saturday.

Police and public works authorities have been on Mook's trail for three years. In recent weeks, Mook has mocked their efforts by painting his signature in hard-to-reach locations-including the top of a trestle on the 10th Street Bridge.

Earlier this month, somebody etched the word "Mook" into the rear window of a city "Graffiti Busters" cleanup truck with acid after the crew stepped into a convenience store to grab lunch at about 3 a.m.

City officials have promised to make Mook pay for his handiwork when they catch him.

It has cost the city about $15,000 to clean up after Mook. That doesn't count damage done to private property or other property such as bridges owned by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Public Works Director Guy Costa said.

Ohio may borrow money from tobacco settlement to balance books

By Andrew Welsh--Huggins
AP WRITER

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Faced with a ballooning budget deficit, Gov. Bob Taft has proposed borrowing $100 million of the state's share of the national tobacco settlement to balance the books.

His proposal has disappointed anti-smoking advocates who saw Taft as a strong voice for using the money on health-related programs.

Governors and lawmakers around the country have been turning to the tobacco money, part of a $206 billion national settlement in 1998, as budget deficits grow in the face of a downtown in the economy, made worse by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"The tobacco dollars can be used in any way the states see fit," said Lee Dixon, a Washington analyst with the National Conference on State Legislatures. "The case can be made that the states are using the tobacco money to continue current services, and if they did not use tobacco money, they would have to eliminate some health programs."

The National Conference of State Legislatures released a report in August showing that only five percent of tobacco settlement money was being used on smoking prevention. Some states used the settlement money to make up shortfalls in state budgets and fund programs that had nothing to do with smoking.

"The current budget crunch that a lot of states are facing threatens to undermine all of the progress that's been made in funding effective programs to reduce tobacco use among children," said Matthew Myers, president of the Washington-based Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

"In the long run, diverting tobacco prevention money from the critically important goal of reducing the number of kids who start will be bad public health policy and bad for the state's treasury because of the cost of tobacco-related diseases," he said.

Taft defends his plan as a fiscally responsible approach to a serious budget crisis. He emphasizes that Ohio is borrowing tobacco money, not taking it permanently.

"We haven't considered that at this time, and we don't have any plans to consider that at this time," Taft said. "But we certainly hope the situation doesn't get any worse than it is today."

"Within the past year, Michigan used $65 million to meet a revenue shortfall in its budget year that ended last month. The state was planning to use tobacco money before the terrorist attacks but the proposal wasn't as large, said Kelly Chesney, a state budget office spokeswoman.

Many other U.S. states have done the same.

In Ohio, Taft's proposal is part of a broader proposal that includes budget cuts, the elimination of some sales tax exemptions and tapping a rainy day fund to deal with a $1.5 billion deficit that is being blamed in part on the attacks.

Lawmakers are cool to Taft's tax proposals and use of the rainy day fund, but they don't mind soaking up tobacco dollars.

"I'd rather spend tobacco money than rainy day money," said Senate President Richard Finan, a Cincinnati Republican.

Chris Schulte, spokeswoman for Tobacco-Free Ohio, said the group was disappointed Taft's proposal. "Governor Taft was instrumental in getting $1.2 billion allocated for prevention, so we were surprised," she said.

First rail station in 16 years to open in downtown Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH - The city's first rail station downtown in 16 years will open Nov. 16.

The new aboveground station is located on First Avenue near the new PNC operations center building and the Allegheny County Jail.

The light rail system-also known as the "T"-opened in 1985.

The station's opening coincides with Light Up Night, the traditional start of the city's holiday shopping season.

"Who's on First?" will be the promotional theme for a celebration featuring a cake large enough to feed 900 visitors, prize drawings and other giveaways, and appearances by novelty groups and a comedy troupe.

Two men killed in head-on collision near Pittsburgh bridge

PITTSBURGH - Two men were killed in a head-on collision that seriously injured two others Saturday morning on Route 65 in Pittsburgh, near the Fort Duquesne Bridge.

State police said a car driven by Anthony Carelli Jr., 45, of Pittsburgh, was headed the wrong way on an exit ramp leading from the bridge and struck another vehicle driven by Michael Serles, 57, of Pittsburgh.

Both drivers were killed in the crash, which happened a few minutes after 5 a.m., and two passengers in Serles' station wagon were seriously hurt, police said.

Police didn't immediately identify the injured passengers but said they were in serious condition at Allegheny General Hospital.

The bridge was closed after the accident but reopened at about 8:30 a.m.

The Allegheny County Coroner's office ruled that Carelli and Serles died from blunt force injuries suffered in the crash.

NATIONAL

Freedom of speech not threatened by Sept. 11 attacks

By Phil Helsel
The Lantern

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The patriotic fervor which has swept the country following the Sept. 11 attacks may force journalists to be mindful of what they say, but the current political climate is not a significant threat to free speech, according to media analysts.

Al Cross, political reporter for the Courier-Journal in Louisville, Ky., and president of the Society of Professional Journalists, said journalists need to be careful about being overly cynical but should not fear punishment as long as they act responsibly.

"I think there will surely be individual examples where people are disciplined or even let go because their commentary is considered too harsh," he said. "When you make a harsh criticism of the president and don't back that up, you put yourself at risk."

Four days after the terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon, columnist Dan Guthrie of the Daily Courier in Grants Pass, Ore., criticized Bush as a coward who hid in the face of terrorism rather than return to Washington. When readers complained, Guthrie, 61, was fired. A similar scene unfolded when a 23-year-old reporter in Texas lost his job for writing a cynical column.

"(Journalists) have a part to play in advancing the national cause. The cause itself must unify around that leader and other national leaders," Cross said, suggesting that overly harsh criticism of Bush weakens the cause against terrorism.

The question begs to be asked: If you can be fired for writing unpopular columns, isn't that the same as muzzling free speech?

Not according to Neil Hickey, editor-at-large for the Columbia Journalism Review.

"I would say the press are doing a very solid, credible job under very, very, difficult circumstances," Hickey said. "I don't see any (self-censorship), really."

Although Bill Maher of Politically Incorrect was forced to apologize for statements on a Sept. 17 broadcast, which called past U.S. military action cowardly, there is no reason to assume the country has taken a reactionary tone, according to Hickey.

"Most people also thought it was bad form for the president's press secretary (Ari Fleischer) to say 'people better watch what they say,'" he said. "The White House had second thoughts about that one."

Fleischer's statement was pulled from White House transcripts, amid public criticism.

Some of the worst criticism of the press did not come from what was reported but the way it was displayed. Television news networks soon came under fire for replaying scenes of jets smashing into the World Trade Towers.

"The television networks showing the crash over and over again; that became very troublesome," Hickey said. "After they showed it a while, they did get the message that it was a kind of journalistic pornography."

FAA restricts flights around large outdoor events

By Ben Heath
Daily Texan

AUSTIN, Texas - The Federal Aviation Administration is enforcing temporary flight restrictions in areas around large outdoor events, including this weekend's University of Texas-Austin football game against Oklahoma State University, in an effort to ensure national security against terrorism.

The policy, issued Sept. 20, limits air flight within three nautical miles and 3,000 feet above ground level of all major outdoor assemblies, including sporting events. The policy will remain in effect until "we feel nationally and politically secure again," said Roland Herwig, FAA spokesman.

"The airmen are advised not to fly over any event," Herwig said. "People who violate the restriction will, in certain instances, be escorted out of the area by the military or, in others, could be fined by the FAA."

Capt. Kirstin Reimann of the North American Aerospace Defense Command said the organization's combat air patrols-military aircraft used to ensure security-are available to be called upon by the FAA if such a need should arise.

"We're always there if the FAA needs us," she said. Even though the security is tight, audiences should not be alarmed if they see aircraft overhead at sporting events," Herwig said.

"Certain aircraft like police, fire and emergency medical services [are exempt]," he said. "Also, [this includes] any and all aircraft directly under air traffic control."

Aircraft in the process of arriving or departing from an airfield may fly over an event if directed by the control tower. However, this restriction has upset some local business owners.

Don Arsenault, the owner of Aerial Advertising, an Austin-based banner-flying company, said the restrictions are taking away most of his business.

"Seventy-five percent of my annual income comes from football events," he said. "For the last several years, stadium owners and concert promoters have been trying to ban banner-flyers because we compete with in-house advertising."

Arsenault said this restriction seems to unfairly target his business, citing that the type of commercial jets that were used in the Sept. 11 attacks are back in the air, as are the crop-dusters that were considered to be dangerous.

"A banner-towing airplane holds 30 gallons of gas and flies at about 60 miles per hour," he said. "No terrorist in his right mind would steal one and try to crash it into a stadium."

But UT Athletic Director Deloss Dodds said that the restrictions were necessary even before the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I never felt comfortable with planes over the stadium pulling ads," he said. "That seems dangerous to do that."

In addition, Dodds said that anything that can be done to increase security should be considered.

"I think we live in a different world than before Sept. 11, and we have to take every step possible to protect the people at these events," Dodds said. "I think we have a responsibility to make it as safe as we can."

Arsenault disagrees, saying that a three-mile ground radius is far too small to allow for rapid response in the event of a serious terrorist attack.

"This is a useless piece of legislation," he said. "It is giving people a false sense of security-but it makes it seem like [the FAA] is doing something."

Concert to benefit victims of terrorist attacks

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
AP WRITER

NEW YORK-David Bowie kicked off a mammoth benefit concert Saturday with a poignant rendition of Paul Simon's "America," then rocked a crowd that included thousands of firefighters, police officers and rescue workers with the appropriately titled "Heroes."

"It's an absolute pleasure to play for you tonight," Bowie told the crowd at "Concert for New York," held at Madison Square Garden. The concert, estimated to run for five hours, was broadcast live without commercials on VH1.

A telephone number was featured so viewers and listeners could phone in donations; all proceeds are going to charities to benefit the victims of New York's terrorist attacks, organizers said. James Dolan, president and CEO of Cablevision, which helped put the concert together, said that ticket sales had already raised $14 million for the effort.

Although the lineup for concert included superstars like Paul McCartney, Elton John, Billy Joel, Destiny's Child and the Backstreet Boys, one of the biggest ovations was for the 6,000 firefighters, police officers and rescue workers honored for their heroic efforts in the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

"Tonight is dedicated to you," comedian Billy Crystal said as the crowd roared its approval. Many in the audience held up pictures of police officers or firefighters who died.

Firefighters, police officers and other emergency workers weren't just the evening's honorees; they were also part of the show. Celebrity presenters including Harrison Ford and Susan Sarandon brought individual workers on stage and lauded them for their heroics, then handed over the microphone to allow them to introduce the next act.

Crystal provided some levity by poking fun at the Taliban and the recent Anthrax scare, and commended New Yorkers for returning to life as normal.

"We're showing everybody that we're not afraid to go out, we're showing everybody that we are the greatest city in the world," said Crystal.

Despite the tragic reason for the concert, the event had an uplifting, at times even humorous and raucous tone-cameras showed firefighters and police officers dancing in the aisles. Adam Sandler reprised his "Saturday Night Live" Opera man character in a risqué segment that poked fun Osama bin Laden and had to be edited by censors; Will Ferrell got laughs with his popular impersonation of George W. Bush.

And when Joel sang the first few lines of "New York State of Mind," the crowd went wild.

"You look out from the stage, and you see a sea of blue," Joel said backstage. "You see firemen, you see cops, and these guys risk their lives everyday. They do this all the time ... to be able to see a smile on some of these people's faces-they've gone through so much, they've lost so many of their friends."

The evening also had its somber moments. Destiny's Child performed a stirring gospel medley after singing their hit, "Emotions," while the Backstreet Boys dedicated their performance to one of their tour crewmembers who was on the plane that hit the Tower One of the World Trade Center.

Interspersed with the performances were short films celebrating the spirit of the city by directors such as Martin Scorcese.

A head-scratching moment was the performance of Jay-Z, who earlier this week pleaded guilty to a 1999 stabbing. The rapper performed his latest hit, "Izzo (H.O.V.A)," in which he talks about "beating those charges like Rocky," in front of thousands of police officers.

McCartney was expected to close the show with a new song he wrote after the tragedy, called "Freedom."

"Because I was here when it happened, I got the feeling-like a lot of other people-that I would try to do something," McCartney said in an interview prior to the show. "I got a sense that it was going to be difficult for people in New York, that it was going to be a worrying time."

A two-disc CD set featuring music from the show is expected to be released by Columbia later this month with much of the proceeds going to charity.

The concert is one of three all-star concerts being held this weekend. On Sunday, Michael Jackson, the Backstreet Boys, Mariah Carey, 'N Sync, Aerosmith and others will perform during an eight-hour concert at RFK stadium in Washington. That concert will not be televised. But in Nashville, CMT will broadcast a 21/2-hour live concert featuring Tim McGraw, Sara Evans, Brooks & Dunn, Alan Jackson and other country stars on Sunday night.

INTERNATIONAL

Vladimir Putin pledges support for Afghan northern alliance

By Jim Heintz
AP WRITER

DUSHANBE,Tajikistan - Russian President Vladimir Putin pledged Monday to continue his country's political and military support for the opposition northern alliance in Afghanistan and said the Taliban should be excluded from Afghanistan's future government.

"We confirmed the intention of the Russian Federation to continue support to the Islamic state of Afghanistan in the military-technical sphere," Putin said.

Putin spoke at the end of a tripartite meeting with his Tajik counterpart, Emomali Rakhmonov, and Afghanistan's deposed president Burnahuddin Rabbani, in the Tajik capital, Dushanbe.

Meeting separately with Rabbani before the three-sided session, Putin said Russia recognized his government as legitimate and supported it.

"The internationally recognized government long has been fighting to free its people. Our position (of supporting it) long has been defined," Putin said, according to the Russian ITAR-Tass news agency.

Putin also met separately with Rakhmonov for about two hours at Rakhmonov's guesthouse compound in Dushanbe. Rakhmonov told reporters Putin arranged the summit.

The three leaders issued a joint statement promising to intensify their efforts aimed at stabilizing the situation in Afghanistan and the region as a whole, and providing humanitarian aid to displaced people.

"We hope that in this joint fight, we will kill terrorism," said Rabbani.

Putin made a pre-dawn stopover in Tajikistan as he was returning to Moscow from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum's summit in Shanghai, China. Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov accompanied him.

Before Putin arrived in this Central Asian country, Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov and the head of Moscow's Federal Security Service, Nikolai Patrushev, met here with Rakhmonov and top defense and security officials.

Moscow has backed Rabbani's government as well as the northern alliance, the military wing of the opposition to the fundamentalist Taliban militia that controls most of the country. Tajikistan is close to the alliance, which has a strong ethnic Tajik component.

Ivanov said countries that actively support the northern alliance, such as Russia, Iran and Tajikistan, needed to share their views so as to enhance their cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

Iran and Russia oppose letting so-called Taliban "moderates" into a broad-based coalition being considered to rule Afghanistan if the Taliban regime collapses under U.S.-led attacks.

"We consider the position of the Islamic state of Afghanistan that excludes the Taliban movement from a future Afghan government to be well-founded," Putin said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, however, has expressed a willingness to include some rank-and-file Taliban members-if they accept the rights of others. Pakistan, which until the current crisis was the Taliban's closest ally, is pressing for members of the militia to be included.

Tajikistan, which shares a volatile 750-mile border with Afghanistan, has attracted attention both as a possible launch pad for military attacks and the most convenient place to marshal humanitarian efforts. About 25,000 Russian troops are stationed in the former Soviet republic to help guard the border.

Rakhmonov on Monday hailed the effort to help Afghan refugees, saying that up to 10 planes a day and a number of trains were bringing humanitarian supplies to his country for distribution in Afghanistan.

Three injured in religious conflict in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Rival groups of Catholics and Protestants pelted each other with homemade grenades Sunday in Belfast, injuring two young girls, police and residents said. One man was hospitalized with a gunshot wound.

More than 100 Catholics and 50 Protestants had to be driven apart by police in full riot gear during the confrontation in the Limestone Road area of north Belfast, a sectarian front line plagued by rioting in recent months.

Residents said shots were fired throughout the area and homemade grenades were thrown. Two girls, aged 8 and 11, were hospitalized after a homemade device exploded near them, police said. A hospital spokeswoman said later that the girls went home after two hours; she did not disclose the extent of their injuries.

The policeman coordinating security efforts in north Belfast, Assistant Chief Constable Alan McQuillan, said Protestants had thrown the device.

A man who was struck by a bullet in a Protestant part of a predominantly Catholic area underwent surgery for what was believed to be a chest wound, police said. A spokeswoman for the Royal Victoria Hospital said he was in satisfactory condition.

Police said later that the predominantly Catholic Hallidays Road had fired the bullet from a nearby alleyway, said McQuillan.

"We are not in a position to say which organization was responsible," he said.

The violence came amid mounting speculation that the Irish Republican Army was planning to offer a disarmament gesture to ease the current crisis facing Northern Ireland's joint Catholic-Protestant government.

The government is a product of the province's 1998 peace pact, which faces suspension or dissolution this week after the Ulster Unionists resigned their posts in the coalition, citing the IRA's refusal to disarm.

There has been sporadic rioting since June in several parts of north Belfast where Catholics and Protestants live close to each other. Police say members of the Ulster Defense Association, or UDA, an outlawed anti-Catholic group that is supposed to be observing a cease-fire in support of the 1998 accord, have thrown most of the crude homemade grenades.

American engineer on trial in China for bribery and obtaining state secrets

BEIJING - An American engineer accused by China of bribery and obtaining state secrets went on trial Monday in Beijing, following a weekend visit to China by U.S. President George W. Bush.

Fong Fuming's trial started Monday morning at Beijing's No.1 Intermediate People's Court, the U.S. Embassy said. A consular officer and a Chinese employee from the embassy were attending.

An officer at the court confirmed that the court was handling the case but refused to give details or her name.

Fong's family had been hoping that Bush's brief visit to Shanghai for a summit of Pacific Rim leaders would help win his release. The U.S. government has complained that Fong's lengthy detention violated international standards.

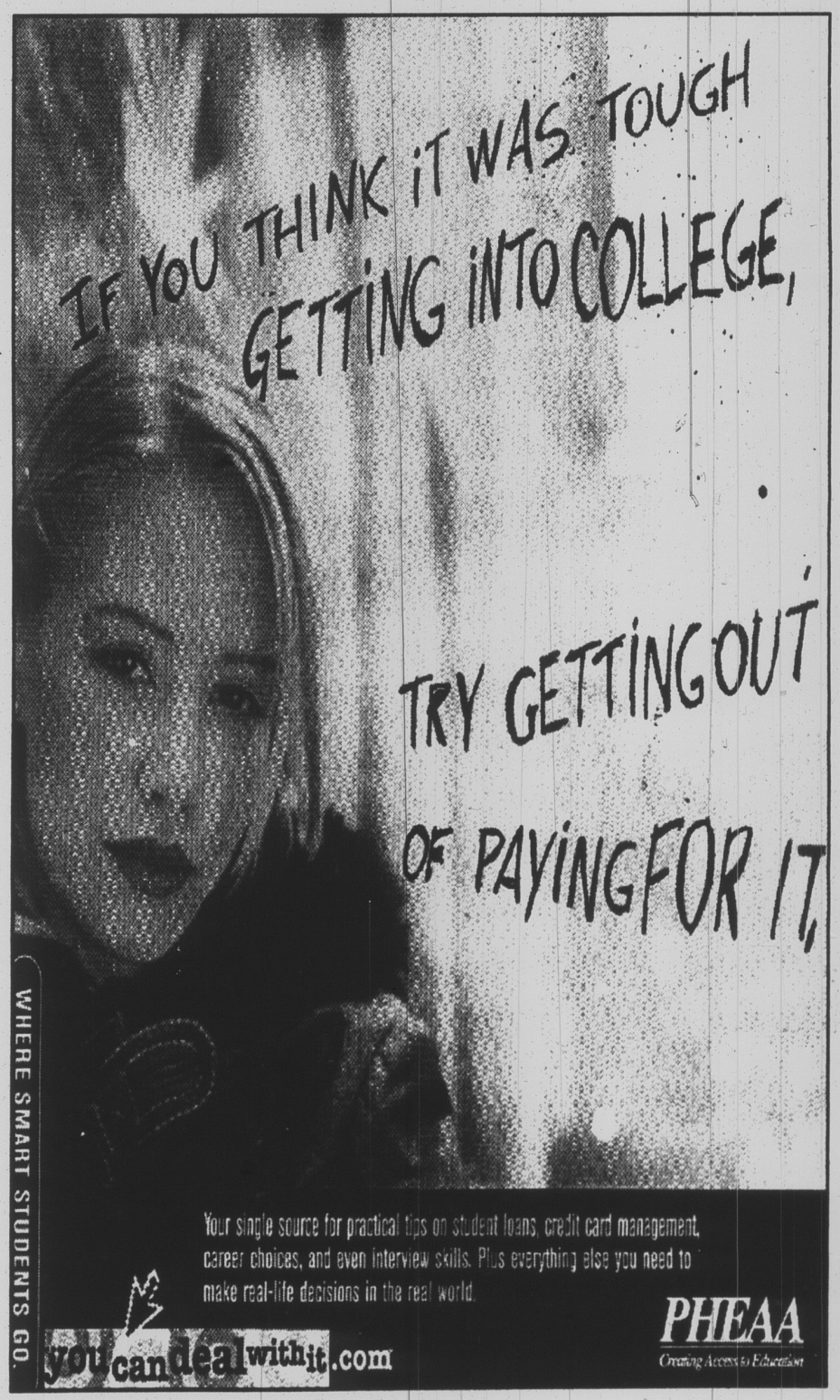
Fong, of West Orange, New Jersey, is accused of illegally obtaining 43 secret government documents from a state power official and of distributing 245,000 in bribes, according to China's Foreign Ministry.

A U.S. attorney for Fong's family said he was detained Feb. 28, 2000, when he arrived in Beijing to meet with officials from an American power company that was seeking a contract in China's power industry.

But the Foreign Ministry said Fong was detained last year on Aug. 28.

Fong worked in China's power sector before moving to the United

States and becoming a U.S. citizen in 1994.



SPORTS

Titan football beats Wolverines 16-7

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The football team improved to 3-4 overall last weekend with a 16-7 win over visiting PAC rival Grove City.

The Wolverines led 7-0 after the half thanks to QB Mike Kashurba connecting to Steve Roberts for an 18-yard touchdown.

Westminster's first points came early in the third quarter on a 69-yard touchdown pass from sophomore QB Matt Robison to senior receiver Brian Lipiello. After a blown extra-point attempt, the Titans trailed 7-6.

Near the end of the third quarter, freshman kicker Josh Simpson split the uprights from 22 yards to give the Titans a 9-7 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The final points of the contest came from a three-yard pass from sophomore QB Kevin Huber to Lipiello for his second touchdown of the day.

Aiding the Titan effort on the ground, freshman tailback Scott Froelich posted the second 100-yard game this season chalking-up 108 yards on 23 carries.

Defensively, Westminster continued to dominate, tallying a total of 10 sacks, and setting a new single game school record. Individuals leading the way were junior tackle Charles "Chief" Kiger with four sacks and five solo tackles. Senior Eric Witt added 11 solo tackles and one and a half sacks to hold Grove City to just three rushing yards on 43 carries.

The team will be back on the road this weekend for a non-conference contest at Gannon University. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

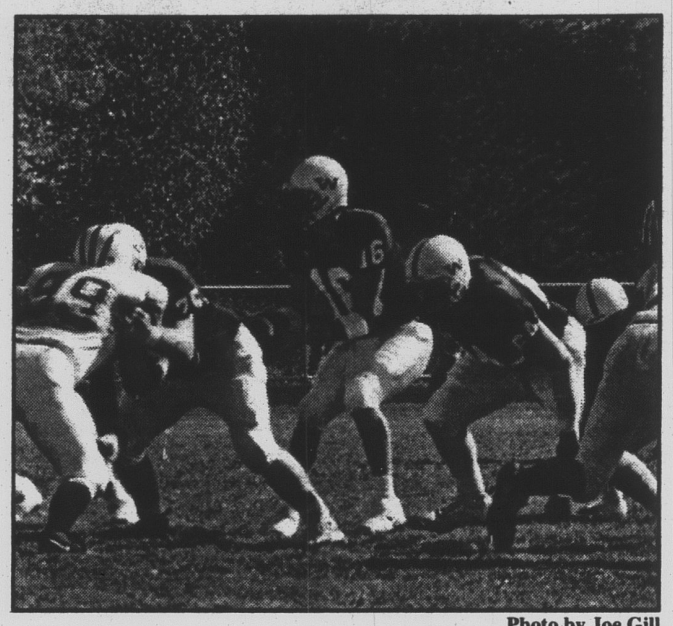


Photo by Joe Gill
The Titans prepare for a big play.

Men's soccer falls to 12-3-1

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

After a three-game winning streak, the men's soccer team fell to 12-3-1 with a 2-1 overtime loss to Allegheny College at home Monday.

The Gators opened the scoring during the fifth minute and held onto the lead into the second half when Carl Baldwin connected on a pass from John Booth in the 55th minute for the tie.

Five minutes into the overtime period Allegheny clinched the win.

The Titans return to action this Saturday for a PAC match at Waynesburg College.

Women's soccer boosts team record to 13-5 with 7-1 win

By B.D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The women's soccer team boosted their record to 13-5 with a 7-1 throttling of Bethany on the road this past weekend.

Tied at 1-1 early in the second half, the Titans hammered in six unanswered goals.

Leading the scoring, senior Ashley Pyle increased her school record for career scoring with two goals. Titans scoring single goals were senior Laura Halford, junior Tammy Newell, sophomores Alyssa Pyle and Megan Chovan and freshman Katie Fisher.

In the net, senior goalkeeper Sarah Morrison allowed only one goal in 69 minutes of play, while freshman Lisa Santorella covered the goal flawlessly for the final 21 minutes of play.

The ladies return to action Sunday for a non-conference match at Clarion University.

This week in Sports

Friday, 10/26/01
VB at Hiram Invitational
MSOC VS. WAYNESBURG* - 1 p.m.

Saturday, 10/27/01
VB at Hiram Invitational
XC at PAC Championships (Grove City)
FB at Gannon - 1 p.m.

Sunday, 10/28/01
WSOC VS. CLARION - 1 p.m.
MSOC VS. PENN STATE-ALTOONA - 3 p.m.

Athletes of the Week honored

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) has developed a recognition award for Titan athletes who had an extraordinary week. Because Westminster is not eligible for Player of the Week honors through the PAC, the members of the group designed the SAAC Athlete of the Week. Each week, a committee of voters and Joe Onderko, the Sports Information Director, selects one man and one woman. Onderko includes the winners in the weekly email titled "This Week in Titan Athletics." In the email, the athletes' accomplishments are highlighted. The SAAC also awards the athletes by giving them a t-shirt.

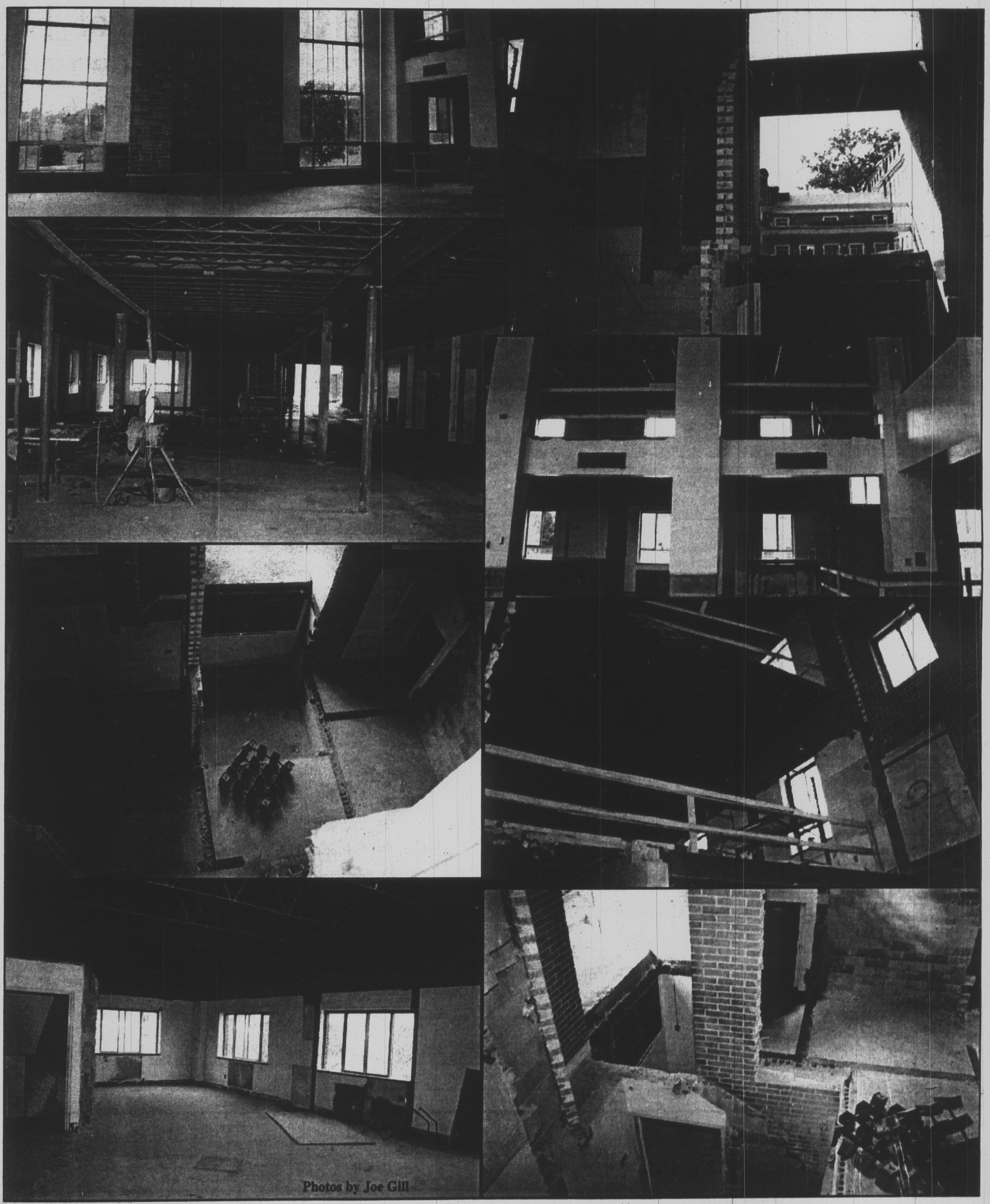
For the week of Oct. 15, two members of the cross-country team were honored. Senior Jacob Gleason was recognized for the men and senior Desiree Henry won for the women. Gleason captured his fourth individual title of the season on Oct. 12 by placing first in a dual meet against Geneva College. He recorded a time of 27:04 over the 8K course. Henry obtained her sixth individual title in seven races by placing first against Geneva with a time of 18:52 over the 5K course.

A football and a volleyball player were recognized for the week of Oct. 22. Senior wide receiver Brian Lipiello was the winner for the men. He caught eight passes for 122 yards and two touchdowns to lead the team to a 16-7 win over Grove City College on Oct. 20. Junior middle hitter Suzanne Fitz recorded 32 kills in two matches last week. Against Washington and Jefferson, Fitz had 15 kills and two blocks, as the Titans won by scores of 30-21, 30-20, 30-24. During the Grove City match, she had 17 kills in the 30-16, 30-22, 30-20 win.

Westminster teams have been incredibly successful in the PAC since the induction last year. This season, most Titan fall sports lead the conference, although they are ineligible to be named league champs. The women's soccer team is 9-1 in the PAC, with their only loss coming in a double overtime thriller against Grove City. Men's soccer is 6-2 in the PAC. Both losses (to Washington & Jefferson and Bethany) were close games with scores of 2-1 and 5-3, respectively. The volleyball team is undefeated in the league for the second year. At the W&J Invitational earlier this month, the cross country teams defeated many teams from the PAC, with Gleason and Henry capturing first place finishes in their races. Women's tennis also had a winning record in the PAC, finishing their season 4-3 against league rivals. The football team is currently 3-2 against league competition, with a game against Waynesburg taking place on Nov. 10 to finish out the season.

Clearly, Titans have dominated the PAC in almost all sports. Even struggling teams have winning records against league opponents. After this year, when Westminster is eligible for postseason honors, championship recognition, and other accolades, the winning tradition will continue. Teams must strive for success even when some opponents are weak. Personal goals and team expectations will make the program successful for years to come.

THE TUB: AN INSIDE LOOK



Photos by Joe Gill

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"The quilts in Patterson look beautiful!"

"When you try to flag down the Happy Bus and they just wave back, there's something wrong."

"Why can't Alpha Phi Omega have a frat house?"

"How is it possible for someone to require six washing machines in one night?"

"Why is Jeffers the only residence hall with no flowers? Trying to make bad look worse?"

"Why is the overflow lot paved, but we still can't park in it? I'm a Browne resident parking in Hoyt. It's ridiculous."

"Why must people smoke outside my window? Don't they see my sign?"

"Can the 12:00 curfew be pushed back to 12:15 so we can all say good-night properly?"

"We need larger trays in the cafeteria."

"Has anyone noticed how great the cafeteria food has been lately? I sure have!"

"Styrofoam is handy, but destroys the environment. Students should take the time to rinse out real dishes instead of polluting the earth."

"I would like to give a shout out to our awesome professors. On big campuses no one takes the time to sit down with students and help them out. We're so lucky to be here."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not endorse or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Time to speak up

Take a quick glance at the opposite page. What do you notice? There is a guest editorial and a couple of ads. Is anything missing?

The opposite page is reserved for letters to the editor. We would put nothing but on that page if we had enough. This week, we have none. Why is that?

There is more happening in our country than there has been in a long time. We are at war and soon might be asked to join in. Why is it that the students at our college can't even take a stand by writing a letter to the editor, while at other schools students are protesting in the name of peace?

Once again, it's time to pull out that old bit about apathy. Let's dust it off once more.

There is enough to care and worry about on our campus and our local community without having to address world issues. None of these topics is addressed, however. Is this the problem? Is there so much to care about that we've learned to care about nothing?

Have we learned nothing from our predessors in the '60s?

We've lost our ability to converse intelligently about local and global issues. No one takes the time to thoroughly research or investigate any happenings in our world. Without this curiousity and follow-through, no one feels comfortable enough to voice an opinion on any subject.

We've been raised in a world that has told us time and time again that the only dumb question is the one not asked...do we really believe this?

We are intimidated by a world of seemingly boundless information. We are paralyzed by the mass of things we do not know and do not know how to ask about. We should not, however, let this silence our opinions.

So, to the campus, we urge you, LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD.

A professor here once said he was disappointed in the students--that we believe in nothing and have no cause. At the time we were a nation at peace and the only thing we had to worry about was what we were going to wear to class the next day. As students we are forced to worry more about class and grades than we are about the happenings of the world, but we can only stick our heads in the sand so long. If we turn off the TV, there is no war. If we close our eyes, everything is fine, but sooner or later we're not going to be able to run anymore. Soon the names of the casualties of war are not going to be a list small enough to be read on the evening news. It's going to consume us. By then we had better make a decision about how we feel about this war. Once we decide, we can start to change it.

Concerned individuals once sat across college campuses, protesting a world at war. It may not have made a big difference, but their voices were being heard. They could have just gone on with their lives and pretended the world was fine, but instead, though they couldn't change things, they let the world know that they cared, that they didn't believe in a world at war, and to them, that was enough. They didn't neccesarily want to change the world, but by protesting their voices were heard.

So, to the campus, we urge you, LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD. Send a letter to the editor, organize a rally. Let the world know that we care.

Let's not be remembered as a generation of apathy and laziness. Let's speak up now and let the world know that we don't plan to let it run itself. It's our turn now. It's our responsibility and our privilege.

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Killing bin Laden could mean victory for the USA

Staff Editorial
The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH — It's been longstanding American policy not to carry out political assassinations. But the Sept. 11 attacks have changed things.

According to the Oct. 21 *Washington Post*, a month ago President George W. Bush ordered the CIA to do "whatever necessary" to kill Osama bin Laden, the believed mastermind of the attacks, and destroy his organization, al Qaeda.

On the surface, this appears to be a change in policy.

During the early Cold War, the CIA tried to kill enemy foreign leaders, such as Cuba's Fidel Castro. But in response to criticism about bungled attempts and the righteousness of killing foreign leaders without direct provocation, President Gerald Ford signed an executive order prohibiting political assassinations. Every president since has renewed this order.

As a general policy, the United States should not be killing foreign leaders. But specific circumstances, such as the attacks of Sept. 11, can warrant the use of assassination as a tool of international politics.

Almost immediately after the attacks, Bush referred to them as an act of war. His administration's attorneys told *The Washington Post* that the assassination ban does not apply to wartime. Indeed, wartime attacks against enemy leaders are commonplace.

When a country is attacked, it has a right of response under international law. Acceptable retaliation can include the leaders of the attack, whether they are leaders of a country or of an organization.

Self-defense also serves as a valid justification for Bush's order. The CIA already received what it considers credible threats against the United States. Assassinating the alleged mastermind of previous attacks could do a great deal to prevent future ones.

Should the CIA be successful in finding and assassinating bin Laden and some of his top-ranking henchmen, it could be a victory in the war on terrorism.

The organization would lose not only its symbolic figurehead but also a significant source of its funding, thus making any of its potential operations less effective.

Although bin Laden's demise would likely make him a martyr and recruit more people to his cause, it could also create a power vacuum — and potential power struggle — within al Qaeda, severely weakening the organization and making it much easier to destroy.

While the United States tried before to kill bin Laden, it never had a reason as compelling as this one. If faced with a choice between letting bin Laden escape or killing him, the United States should not hesitate to do the latter. Otherwise, we may regret it in the future.

Anthrax scare no reason for extreme paranoia

Staff Editorial
Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY — The University of Utah is apparently not immune from the anthrax scare.

When a supposedly suspicious letter came into the office of the languages and literature department, suspicions arose, police were called and the envelope is being investigated.

The U Police Department is not too worried about the letter and is assuming that it is just another hoax or overreaction. The police have also been called out to investigate the leftover sugar from a powdered doughnut.

Clearly, this case of paranoia was both extreme and uncalled for, but it is not without provocation.

A pair of senior vice presidents sent out a memo detailing precautions to take to avoid exposure to anthrax, from cautious mail-handling to quarantining areas that have potentially been exposed to the spores that carry the deadly disease.

However, while the U remains a potential terrorist target, as it will serve as a venue for the coming Winter Olympics, nothing has yet happened that is cause for alarm.

The ultimate message is this: While there clearly is cause for concern, don't let that concern degenerate into ludicrous fear.

As of Tuesday, there were but 12 total infections and three deaths as a result of exposure to anthrax.

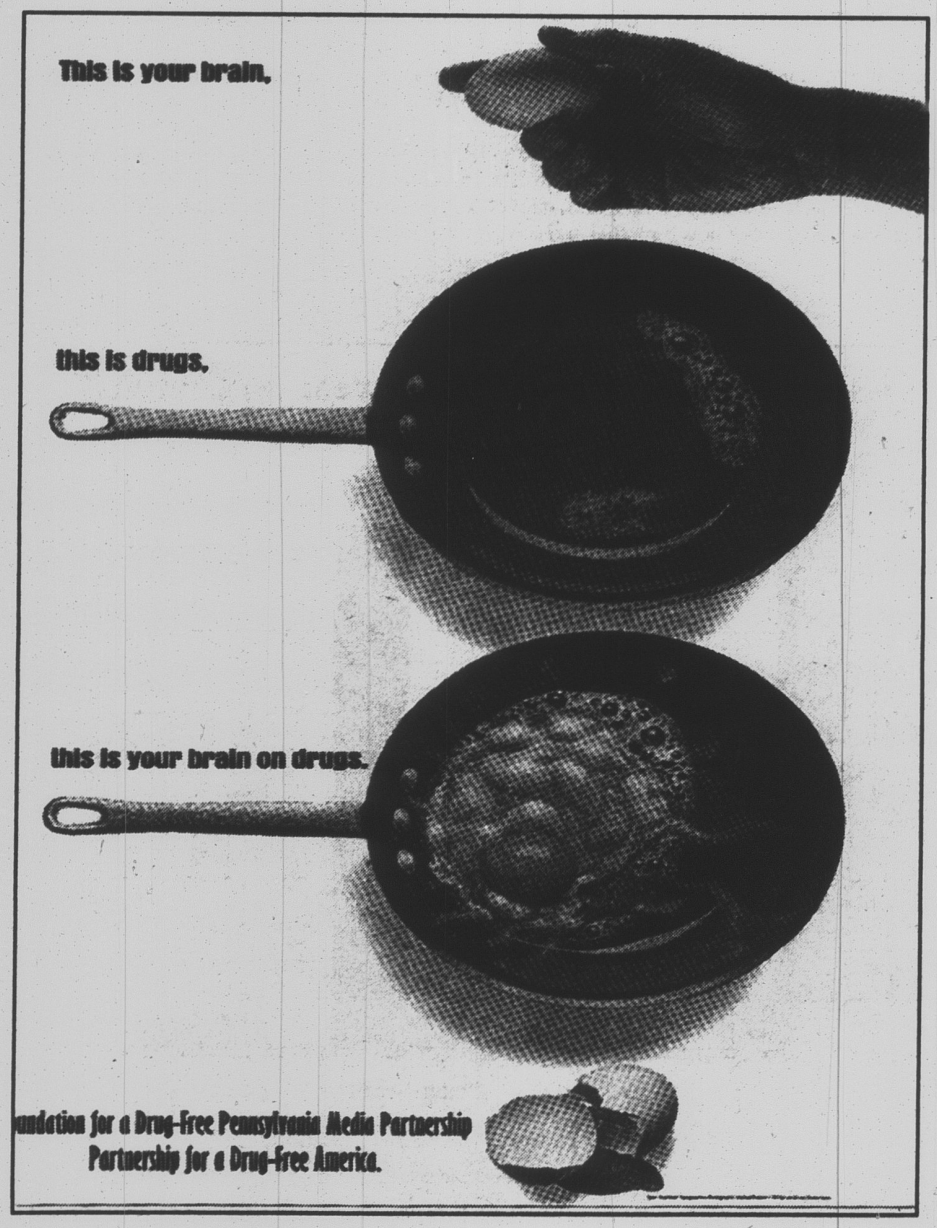
Given that we live in a nation of 265 million people, your chances of being exposed to — let alone contracting — the disease are minimal.

The fear behind this issue is not completely unfounded. Upon hearing of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 that ushered in a new era of U.S. history, all people in the nation — regardless of whether or not they personally knew a victim — felt concern and trepidation that they too could fall prey to terrorist attacks.

Now that anthrax has been sent to a White House mail room, headquarters of media organizations and several other buildings, we all feel just a little more vulnerable.

But that is not cause to believe that the Domino's coupons that arrive in your mailbox will bring you certain and imminent death.

The best advice anyone can give is to proceed with caution, but to nevertheless proceed. We must exercise care, but we must continue to live our lives and not succumb to the terrible fear that Osama bin Laden is personally seeking us out to promulgate his anti-U.S. mission.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Brad and Adriann go to the movies

Riding in Cars With Boys

...buckle your seatbelt

Brad Dell

For any child who has questioned a parent's love, *Riding in Cars with Boys* is a film that strikes a chord deep within. At the outset, it appears to be a film about the birds and the bees, but it becomes is a challenging portrait of the often turbulent relationships between parents and children.

Riding in Cars with Boys is the true story of Beverly O'Donofrio (Drew Barrymore), a woman with a dream to be a writer. The first time we meet her, Bev is 12 years old and showing her younger sister the proper way to kiss a boy. When she asks her dad (James Woods) for a training bra for Christmas, the parent-child conflict is first revealed. When she gets pregnant three years later at age 15, her dreams and her relationship with her father are seemingly shattered. Refusing to shame the family with a bastard grandchild, Bev's father forces her to marry the father of her child, the loveable deadbeat, Raymond. The wedding is a disaster and the marriage is no better. Raymond becomes a junkie and Bev is left with, as she put it in the dedication of her memoir, "the only man I could ever trust," - her son, Jason. It is the single mother raising the only child. But in this case, the two are only 15 years apart. Their roles get warped and Jason ends up raising Bev.

All along, Bev's father never leaves the picture. Their relationship goes from Daddy's little girl to Daddy's little disgrace. However, in one of the most brilliantly constructed resolution scenes ever, their relationship is rekindled.

Director Penny Marshall has established an all-star cast of veteran and up-and-coming actors led by Hollywood's bad girl, Drew Barrymore. If there could be a vehicle for a star to take a new career direction, Beverly O'Donofrio would be Barrymore's Cadillac. Though this is not a flashy film like *Charlie's Angels* or *Batman Forever*, *Riding in Cars With Boys* is a nuts and bolts drama, into which Barrymore sunk her teeth and withdrew a lot of flesh. She plays a gritty, selfish, loving character with all the tenacity and hype that has surrounded her life-long mega-star career. This film was hers from the moment of its inception.

But *Riding In Cars With Boys* is not singularly driven. I said all-star, and I meant it. Steve Zahn as the low-life, deadbeat husband is so pathetically charming that we cannot help but love him. Even in the end, when his teeth are rotting, his hair is falling out and he's living in garbage, his darling charisma keeps us from hating him. Brittany Murphy (who has become famous recently as the creepy "I'll never tell" girl from the Michael Douglas film, *Don't Say a Word*) plays Bev's best friend Fay. This is one of the best supporting actress performances I've seen in a while. Though the Academy will most likely ignore this film, right now Murphy is on my best supporting actress top five list. Adam Garcia plays grown up Jason, a handsome college sophomore, trying to figure out how to escape from mothering his mother. Other top notch performances are handed in by Melissa Gilbert as another friend, Lorraine Bracco as Bev's sympathetic mother, James Woods as the father who could not help but be disappointed, and of course, the four different child actors who played Jason at various stages. I am always amazed at how brilliant kids can be.

The ensemble brilliance of this film is not unlike Marshall's other directing credits. Considering such greats as *A League of Their Own*, *Riding In Cars With Boys* is right on the mark. Marshall has an affinitive talent for creating tragic, but endearing characters and this film has more than a few of these. She has done a fine job of taking this film far enough beyond Lifetime move status to make it worth the rave reviews.

This is a film that touches the heart and soul. A fun ride...with a lot of substance. I give it three stars.

Adriann Popovich

Riding in Cars with Boys starring Drew Barrymore, James Woods and Brittany Murphy (of *Don't Say a Word*) is an emotional film. It is a true story based on the memoirs of Beverly Donofrio played by Barrymore. The film takes a real look at family, friendships and one woman's determination to fulfill a dream.

The film opens with Beverly and her grown son Jason on the way to see her ex-husband, Ray, who is also Jason's father. Beverly has written a book about her life and needs to get Ray's signature for legal reasons. The movie is a series of flashbacks in which Jason and Beverly remember Jason's childhood.

Beverly gets pregnant in the mid 1960s at the age of 15, when unwed pregnancy is still considered a disgrace to the family. Beverly's father (Woods) is ready to disown her unless she gets married. Beverly, feeling that everyone wants her to get married, says yes to Ray's proposal. The wedding is a sad and dismal affair as Beverly's father thanks the guests for coming "considering the circumstances."

As we watch Beverly and Ray begin their lives together, we can see the dim-witted Ray has good intentions for making the marriage work. He loves Beverly and Jason, but as the film continues, we can see how he allows drugs and alcohol to get the best of him. After Beverly kicks him out in a gut-wrenching scene, he tells his son that he must leave. I found it difficult to fight the tears as I watched the little boy hold his father tightly trying to force him to stay. As the story continues, we see Jason begin to resent his mother because he is too young to see that her choices are for his benefit.

Another major part of the film is the relationship between Beverly and her best friend Fay, played by Murphy. The two are in similar situations because they both become pregnant within months of each other, and are forced to marry. Fay offers a great amount of stability in Beverly's life when it seems as though everything is falling apart around her. When Ray leaves, Fay becomes her support system because she too has lost a husband...but to another woman rather than to substance abuse.

As the movie explores the different relationships in Beverly's life, the audience sees her flaws. Her biggest downfall is that she blames everyone else for her problems and fails to see she is the one to blame. It is obvious that she is not the most loving mother to Jason. She cares for her son but is more concerned with fulfilling her dreams and mapping out a better life for him. She ignores the fact that he just needs to be loved.

Barrymore gives an amazing performance as Beverly and along with the other talented stars, makes this movie an amazing story of family life. I recommend seeing this movie because it does not paint Beverly as a flawless mother. It depicts the true story, not of how a single mother raises her son alone, but of how a mother and son grew up together.

Celebrity Series brings culture to campus and community

By Beth Staley
A & E EDITOR

On Friday, Oct. 9, many students took the opportunity to see the Broadway production of *My Fair Lady* in Orr Auditorium. The show was spectacular--a priceless combination of rare talent, entertaining songs, dazzling costumes and beautiful scenes. You may ask why this professional and popular show came especially to our little college. After all, this is a big production from New York City.

My Fair Lady came to town because Celebrity Series brought it here. Many people hear about Celebrity Series without realizing what it really is. It is a program with a mission: to enhance the cultural reputation of the broader community. The director of Celebrity Series, Mr. DeCaprio, said "The series has evolved to a place where it's a program for the broader off-campus community, attracting people from Lawrence and Mercer Counties, Pittsburgh area, Eastern Ohio and other areas."

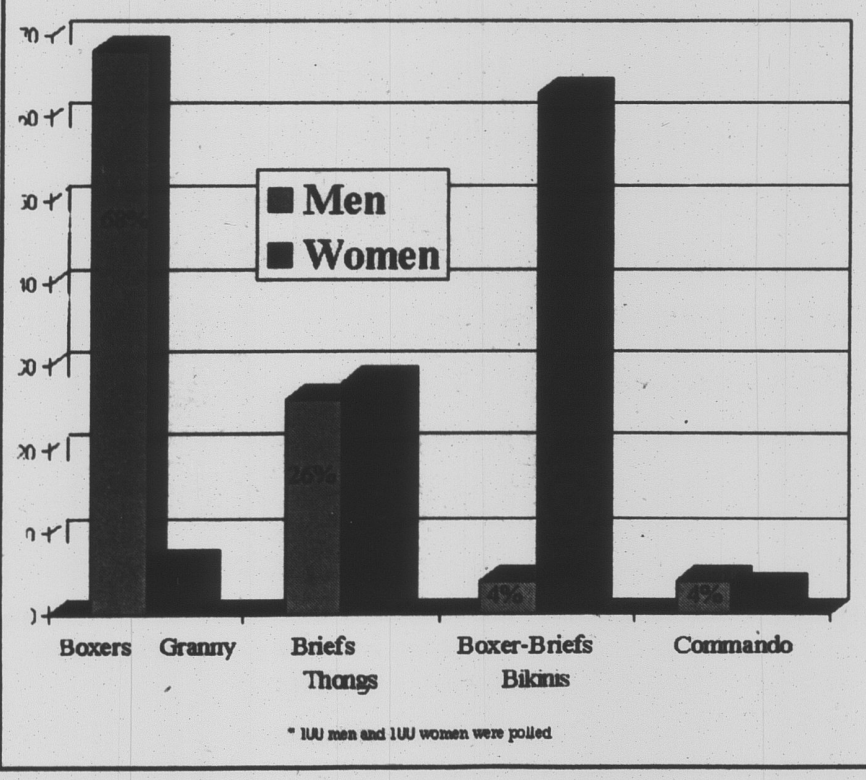
Although Celebrity Series brings shows to our school, it does not rely on the college for any funding. All funding comes from ticket sales, sponsorships and grants. "This program," DeCaprio says, "is virtually totally funded."

Luckily for students, the Caroline Knox Foundation makes a limited number of tickets available for student use only. Those interested in seeing some great shows can--free of charge.

Celebrity Series brings commercially oriented top quality performances to the stage. Each year, seven diverse shows are featured. In the past, some of the biggest names in show business have made appearances. Stars such as Bill Cosby, Regis Philbin and Victor Borge have entertained audiences right here in New Wilmington.

Celebrity Series continues to bring various Broadway musicals and popular performing artists and groups. Although many of these programs tend to appeal to middle-aged or older audiences, DeCaprio invites the students to take advantage of the free tickets available for shows. "Even if you don't like the music of a particular era," he insists, "you'll enjoy the opportunity to hear top artists perform."

Field's Study: Preferred underwear on campus*



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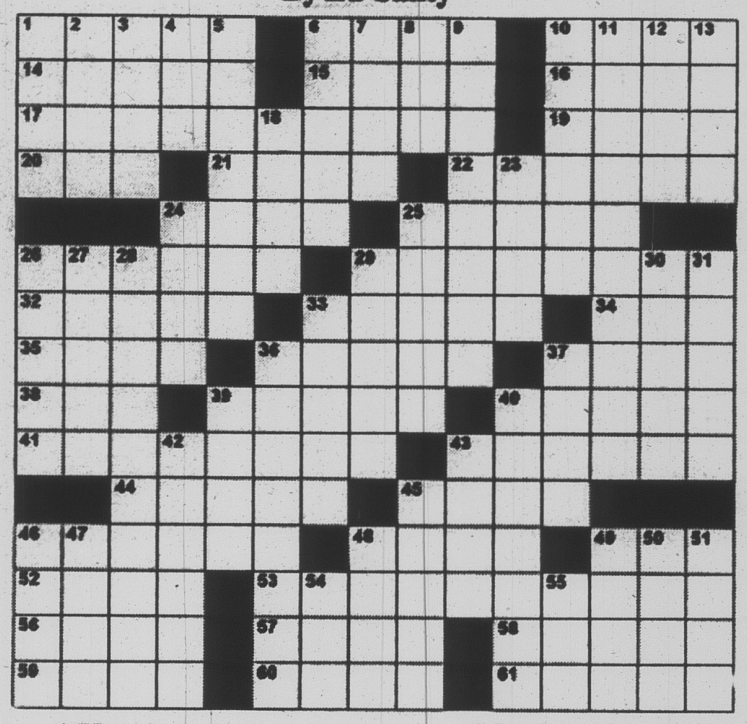
Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people.

••• *W. C. Fields*

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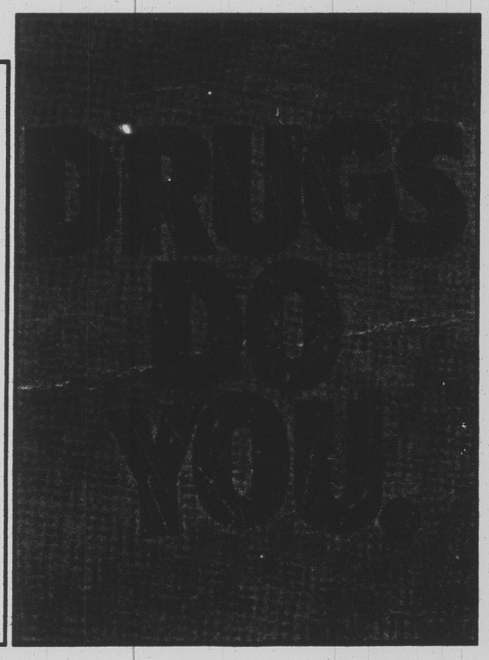


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
It's time to pull out the stops and go ahead with plans...everything you need is now in place. Your partner is annoyed at your independent nature, so resolve this conflict as soon as possible.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Don't jump to conclusions, if it looks great, it probably is. Your intuition is right on target, so play your hunches. You have a lot going for you, and your energy level is high, be careful of your own strength.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Stop feeling sorry for yourself. Crying over spilled milk will get you nowhere. Look around you and realize how full your life truly is. Take a lesson from friends and let their enthusiasm and upbeat natures rub off on you.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Check your financial dealings--you may have overlooked something that will only cause problems later. Don't let someone get away with what is yours.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
With your cool approach you have managed to accomplish a task of some magnitude. Congratulations. Plan time to unwind with your significant other. Your week will fly by because your hard work will give you quite a bit of satisfaction.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
It's time to examine your dependence on those who are normally undependable. Financial matters need juggling this week. Look at cutting your losses and moving on.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
A cool and reasonable appearance will get you farther than roller coaster emotions. Your primary love relationship is heading in a new direction. This will be beneficial to the both of you.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
The weight of the world seems to be on your shoulders this week. Continue doing a good job, but try not to take such a serious attitude. There may be an unexpected gift of money, use it wisely.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
There is a business opportunity that may present itself and needs to be snatched up. Things are a little slow at home--humor will remedy any ruts.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Your energy is excellent, and this vim and vigor may be related to a new exercise program. A relationship or person in your life whom you have always considered a fortress may be crumbling.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
All matters pertaining to legal procedures must be dealt with efficiently. Prompt action can save you from paying fines or overdue fees.

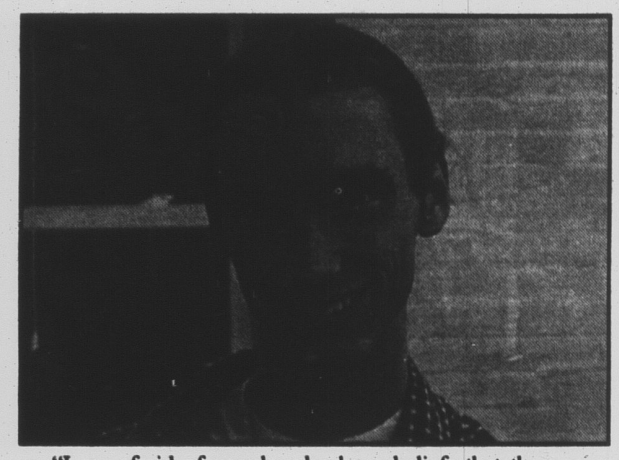
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
The choices you make will rest on your ability to tell the difference between what looks good and what really is in your best interest. If looking for a diplomatic solution concerning co-workers, it's best to take everyone involved into consideration.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Extravagant spending may result from any volatile emotions and unfinished business. Resolving past problems will do absolute wonders for you, and the freer you feel emotionally, the more you will be ready to experience everything around you.

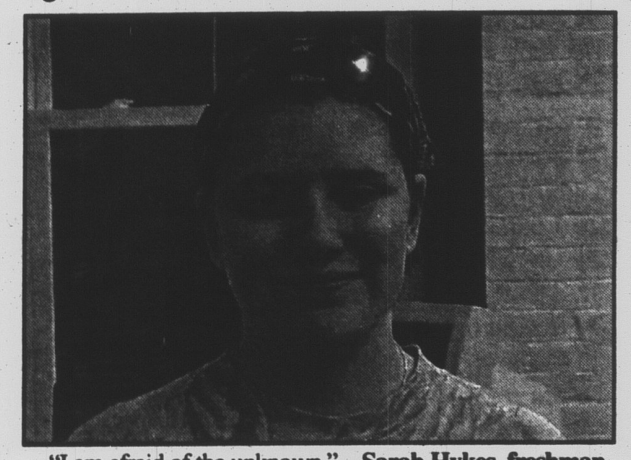
FEATURE

Question of the week: What are you afraid of?

"I am afraid of ghosts. They can do whatever they want, and there is nothing you can do to stop them." – **Lisa Dyer, sophomore**



"I am afraid of people who have beliefs that they never questioned. I am afraid of 'the Man.'" – **Nate Sizemore, Fifth year senior**



"I am afraid of the unknown." – **Sarah Hykes, freshman**

"I am afraid I'm going to be alone for the rest of my life." – **Gwen Kennedy, junior**

"I am afraid of my best friend graduating. I am also afraid of the Technocracy." – **Carolyn Miller, sophomore**

"I am afraid of going to the mailroom and not getting anything in my box – it's terrifying!" – **Jeremy Baker, freshman**

"Losing my family. The recent terrorist attacks have made me realize how easily you could lose everything you care about in a fraction of a second." — **Jamie Reddinger, Graduate Assistant for volleyball and softball**

"I'm afraid of not getting into my first choice graduate school...and overall I'm really afraid of getting hurt." – **Jessica Torick, senior**

"I'm afraid of snakes, spiders and circus midgets." – **Jeremy Carmen, senior**

"I'm also afraid of spiders…we'll just go with spiders." – **Dustin Mounts, sophomore**

"I'm afraid of failing. I also fear, in general, the violent nature of the world." – **Cynthia Kral, senior**

Lani crashes the blood drive: diving head first into volunteerism

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

I wanted to give blood. When Laura Stanley told me there was an extra time slot on Thursday during the blood drive, I nervously jumped at the chance.

Now, the last time I gave blood was nearly five years ago while I was still in high school. I had just turned 17 and aside from it getting me out of class, I thought it would be a worthwhile way to contribute.

After the barrage of questions, the iron test, and so forth, I waited for a table. I was beyond nervous --needles are to me what a pot roast is to a vegetarian. But, alas, I gritted my teeth, closed my eyes and waited as the technician put the needle into my poor little vein. I was fine for about a minute, then everyone began to slowly disappear. Needless to say, I passed out and that was the end of my blood-giving days...until last Thursday.

I thought I'd give it another try. I even prepared myself -- I drank Mountain Dew all day, ate two and a half meals and tried to remain as calm as possible. Wired from the Mountain Dew, but calm.

After work, I walked to Old 77 and signed the necessary papers for giving blood. I answered all the questions...some of which were quite interesting, and waited my turn. Luckily, my roommate had come down to hold my hand for support.

I walked to the table, slightly nervous, while the technician checked my arms for the "right" vein. "Ooooh --I like this one!" he said. I just smiled awkwardly and began asking him some questions about giving blood.

Apparently, when you give blood, you donate about 11b - the equivalent of one pint of the nine that typically pumps through a normal body. Someone can give blood approximately every eight weeks. A person must weigh 105 pounds, be relatively healthy, and have eaten something in the previous four hours. Potential donors must also wait one full year to give blood after getting a tattoo or piercing. I met all of these requirements.

My technician, Ed, was nice enough and talked me through the procedure. After he found "the good vein," he swabbed my arm with an antiseptic and cleaned it thoroughly. He also made a sort of bull's-eye around the area that was to be punctured with the needle. I was getting a little nauseous but was fortunately still awake. Then he put the needle in...well, he tried to. Apparently, I have "rolling veins." Ed said that it's like my veins saw the needle coming and tried to run away. This affects maybe one in five blood donors. Much to my dismay, they had to do it again. It really didn't hurt, but the iodine stung. Giving blood doesn't necessary hurt, but it is rather uncomfortable.

I was fine for quite some time...I just refused to look at the little tube that was taking my blood away. Then things began to get weird. I moved my head, and the whole room went with it. My heart began to pound quickly and my roommate's voice began to fade. I was wondering why her mouth was moving and no words were coming out. I told her to get Ed. Actually, I have no idea what I told her because I couldn't hear myself talk. Later, she told me the "grayness" of my face triggered her to get Ed.

Ed was able to get the needle out of my arm and an icepack on my neck in enough time before I actually passed out completely. Unfortunately, I was only TWO MINUTES from finishing the entire bag. I was mad, but at least I tried.

Ed later told me, while I was wheeled in an orange chair and force-fed cookies, that some people's bodies just aren't conducive to giving blood, and I am one of those people. He bluntly told me not to try again. Next time I want to help out the Red Cross, I think I'll hand out cookies or something.

SGA votes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day proposals

By Christina Contes
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Curriculum Operations Committee is still debating the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day issue. In addition to this discussion, a cross listing was passed for Religion 163 and Music 173, and the committee reviewed a new course proposal for psychology and philosophy. A proposal that would allow any 100 level English course to be used for HC and IP credit was voted down.

Freshman senator Ian Durham devised a different school calendar for 2003-2004 that made Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a day off. The plan allows students to have full Christmas and Easter breaks. The idea will be discussed at the next meeting.

Senator Chris Nave made another proposal concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The resolution states that "Our current academic calendar recognizing only Thanksgiving and Easter is written in a manner conducive to an efficient school year and that changes to that calendar have the potential to disrupt many college functions."

The resolution ends with "in the opinion of the Senate, an academic calendar that includes classes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day should be designated as the calendar of choice for the 2003-2004 academic year." The resolution was voted on and passed by the senate.

At the Student Life and Athletic Council meeting, the idea of carrying "proximity cards" in order to get into buildings when they are locked at night and over breaks was discussed. IFC and Lambda Sigma received renewed recognition. Also, Dr. Barner was elected as the faculty representative to SLAC.

Curriculum Development Committee is in the process of creating questionnaires for professors, juniors and seniors to evaluate the Inquiry program. The questionnaire was designed to help determine whether Inquiry 101 and 102 could be combined to form Inquiry 103. Freshmen could only take one semester of Inquiry, rather than two.

The Food Advisory Committee meetings in Lindley Dining Hall are open to the public. All students are encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CHAIN MEETING, "Are You In for Life," 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Flag Pole.

THE 53RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE will be held Saturday, Oct. 27. The line will form at the Sky Bank parking lot at 5 p.m. with the parade starting at 5:30 p.m.

DISCIPLINE STRATEGIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN will be presented by Diana Reed and Debi Behr in Westminster's Preschool Lab (Hoyt 152) Thursday, Nov. 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

PRESCHOOL LAB STUDENT AIDE POSITION is available for the Spring Term. Candidates should be consistently available either Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Experience with young children preferred. Interested students should contact Darlene McCoy at EXT. 7356 to schedule an interview before the deadline of Oct. 26.

JOBEXPO is scheduled Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 2-6:30 p.m. at the Expo Mart in Monroeville. Over 100 employers will be available with full-time job opportunities. Pre-register with the Career Center before Wednesday, Oct. 31. There is a $5 fee.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Two evening dresses, size medium, one never worn. Very reasonable. For more information, call Cindy at (724) 946-2026 at Rebecca's Salon.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 26
Volleyball @ Hiram (OH) Invitational
11:40 a.m. Chapel
2:00 p.m. Jazz Improvisation Master Class with Harold Danko, Guest Jazz Pianist — Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert with Special Guest Artist: Harold Danko, Jazz Pianist Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Movie: *Dead Poet's Society* (Inquiry Film) — Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 27
Volleyball @ Hiram (OH) Invitational
Men's and Women's Cross Country @ PAC Championships (Grove City)
10:00 a.m. LEAD Workshop - Down Under
1:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Waynesburg (H)
1:00 p.m. Football @ Gannon
HALLOWEEN OBSERVED IN THE BOROUGH: Trick or Treat and Parade
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
7:30 p.m. Movie: *Educating Rita* (Inquiry Film) — Down Under
10:00 p.m. Movie: *Dead Poet's Society* (Inquiry Film) — Down Under
Midnight Movie: *The Mummy Returns* — Down Under
Kappa Delta Date Party

SUNDAY 28
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (move clocks back)
9:00 a.m. Sigma Kappa Initiation — Chapel
1:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Clarion (H)
3:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Penn State-Altoona (H)
3:00 p.m. Chamber Ensemble Recital - Chapel
4:30 p.m. Children's Literature Group - TC 315 Discussion Book: Ella Enchanted (Newbery Honor) by Gail Carson Levine
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie: *The Mummy Returns* - Down Under

MONDAY 29
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship — Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings:
Alpha Gamma Delta — Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta — PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu Initiation — Chapel
Sigma Kappa — PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha — Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting -- PH 114

TUESDAY 30
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship — Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
5:30 p.m. RHAB Meeting
6:30 p.m. Circle K Meeting — PH 231
7:00 p.m. Orchestra — Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Bleasby Colloquium: Poetry Reading — Chapel

WEDNESDAY 31
HALLOWEEN
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Tad Greig, "The Westminster College Wind Ensemble Presents an 'Informance': Preparation for Making Music Out of the Black Dots"
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 p.m. Halloween Organ Concert: Beth Harrison - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship — Down Under

THURSDAY 1
ALL SAINTS' DAY
Board of Trustees Meeting/Retreat - Namacolin Woodlands
9:30 a.m. CCO Staff Meeting — Down Under
3:00 p.m. Senior Recital — Chapel
4:30 p.m. All Saints' Day Mass — Chapel
5:15 p.m. Holy Day Dinner -- Location TBA
6:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Meeting — Down Under
9:00 p.m. Star Gazing — Meet in Hoyt Science Center Lobby (weather permitting)

Senior Kristy Hartley announces plans to wed Roy Melius on June 15, 2002

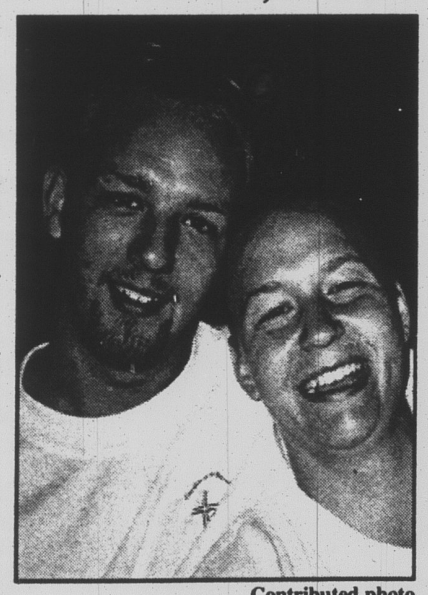
Senior Kristy Hartley announced her engagement to be married to Roy Melius.

The couple met over seven years ago when they worked together at a roller skating rink in Lewistown, Pa. They did not forge a romantic relationship until December of 1997.

Melius proposed to Hartley in December of last year. "A dozen red roses accompanied the ring. My closest friends from Westminster had come down that weekend to visit with me so Roy chose to propose that weekend so my friends could be part of the celebration," Hartley said.

A wedding is planned for June 15, 2002 on a stone arch bridge in the couple's home town of Lewistown. The reception will be held at the skating rink where the couple met. Hartley and Melius will then travel to the Poconos Resort for a honeymoon.

Hartley is the daughter of Nancy and David Hartley of Lewistown and is a visual communications major with a peace studies minor. She hopes to develop a career in graphic design. Melius is the son of William and Judy Melius, also of Lewistown, and is an electrician.



Contributed photo
Roy Melius and Kristy Hartley.

At the Down Under

October 27
Saturday

Midnight
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The Mummy Returns

October 28
Sunday

9:00 p.m.
Movie:

The Mummy Returns

(Not an Inquiry movie.)

Inquiry Movie Weekend II

October 26 - Friday

7:30 p.m.

Movie: *Dead Poet's Society*

October 27- Saturday

7:30 p.m.

Movie: *Educating Rita*

10:00 p.m.

Movie: *Dead Poet's Society*

Upcoming Events
Fall '01

Nov. 3: Illusionist - Craig Karges

Nov. 10: Comic - Tim Young

Nov. 16 & 17: Inquiry Movie Weekend III

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 : Inquiry Movie Weekend IV

JT s Cafe

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts you provide the chatting.

Baked goods will be available with the cappuccino. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, Oct. 26 from 10 p.m. til 2 a.m.

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Life Chain promotes cause

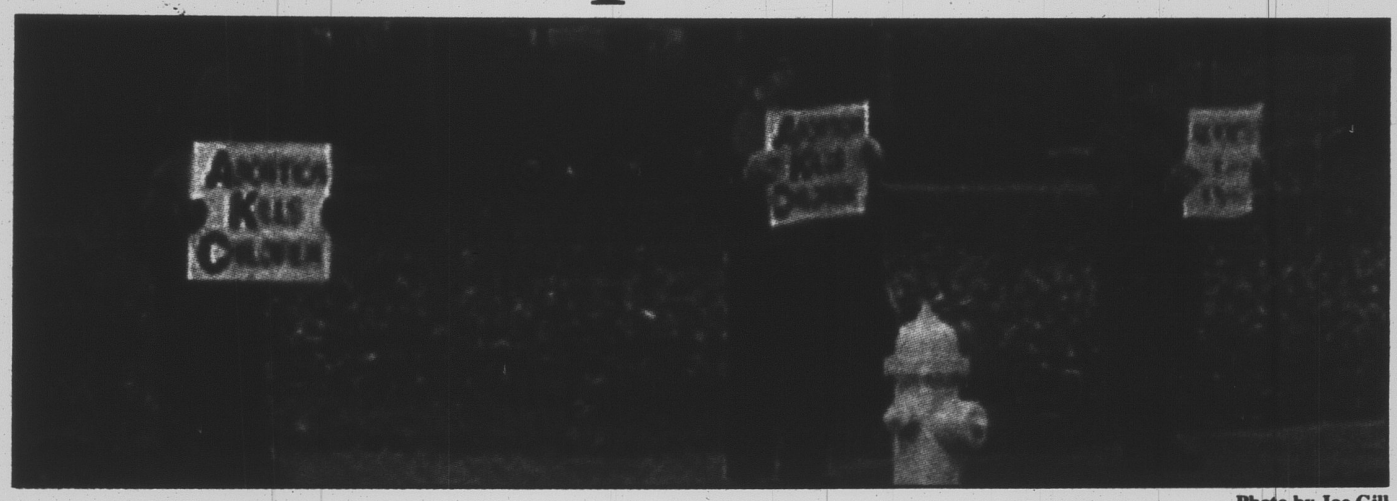


Photo by Joe Gill

Pro-life demonstrators stood on the corner of Market and Waugh Saturday.

By Heidi Krieger
STAFF WRITER

Six people stood at the corner of Market and Waugh for an hour in the freezing rain on Saturday to support the pro-life movement.

The national life chain took place the first weekend in October when the college was on Fall Break, so the Newman Club decided to sponsor the event last weekend.

"Life chain is not a rally or celebration," said Rita Longan, president of Newman Club, the college's Catholic organization. Longan said life chain is a time for prayer and meditation as well as a way of visibly taking a stand against abortion.

The life chain happened right before the borough's trick or treating and Halloween parade, so there was a lot of traffic on the streets.

"It's hard to hold a sign that asks people to protect life and not think about how precious human life is when cute little trick or treaters walk in front of you," said Keturah Laney, chaplain's assistant.

Senior Colleen Conwell agreed. "I thought, 'Children like this can live.'"

While only six people turned out for the chain, Longan said she wasn't disappointed. She said it was successful because it gets the community thinking about the issue. Longan said little kids were reading the signs and later would ask their parents about it.

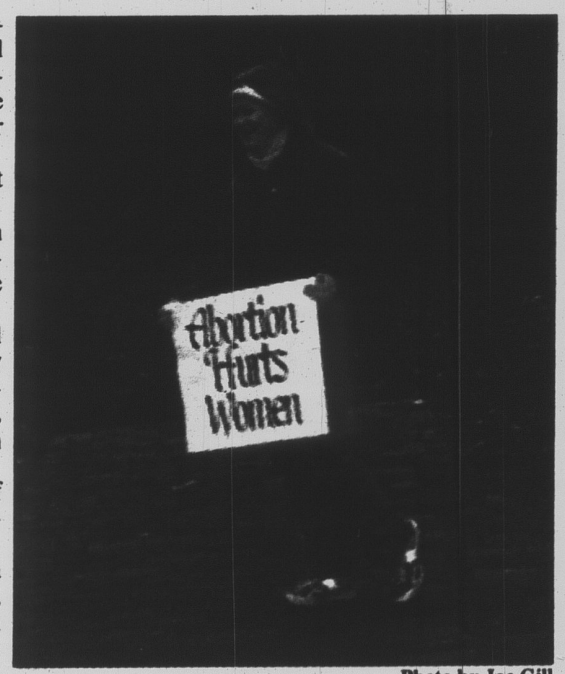
"We made some sort of silent impact," Longan said.

Later in the year, the Newman Club hopes to work with other organizations to sponsor more pro-life functions.

In January, two coach buses will be leaving from Lawrence County for the March of Life. This was coordinated by local churches and PCUC, People Concerned for the Unborn Child.

The club is also in the process of putting abstinence and adoption literature in the Health Center.

While the college does not have a right-to-life organization on campus, Longan said she hopes they can form one. Anyone interested should contact Longan at longanrv@westminster.edu or Alicia Roberts at robertac@westminster.edu.



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Senior Colleen Conwell holds a sign during Saturday's Life Chain.

No budget cuts planned yet this year

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

Even though a significant number of students didn't return to school this year, budgets were not cut.

According to Bill Birkhead, vice president for finances and management services, about 45 students did not return. "This took a lot of the joy out of an easier budget," Birkhead said.

All budgets had been set in anticipation of a surplus of students, which would provide a comfortable money situation. "Instead of being up by about 30, we are now down by about 16," Birkhead said.

"The compensation decisions are made in February based on what the fall will bring," Birkhead said. It was impossible to anticipate the number of non-returning students so early in the year.

To compensate for this lack of funds, the college was forced to do some restructuring to the budget. Budgets were not cut at all, however, no significant increases were granted. "No one was cut below their expenditures from last year," Birkhead said.

So if a department used $10,000 last year, they were again given $10,000. There was also an attempt to deter increases in non-personnel departments. Non-personnel departments are considered clubs and organizations.

Most clubs haven't had any problems with their funds this year and don't anticipate any. "I appreciate the fact that the college realizes the importance of the students activities fund," Lindsey Braem, SGA president, said.

The purpose of restrictions on the budget was to bring relief to the operating budget. Now all departments have the same funds they were given in the previous year.

"No one has been asked to slash their bud-

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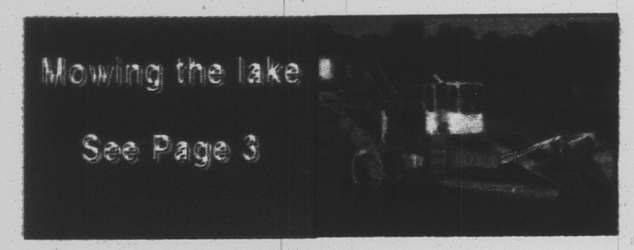

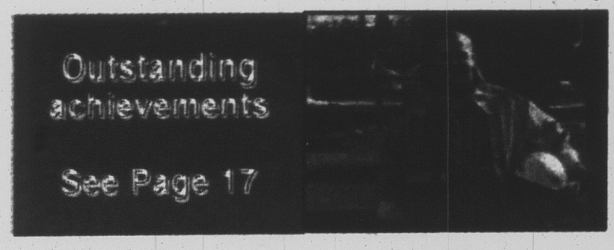

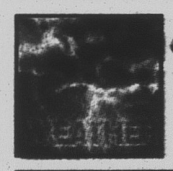

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CAMPUS NEWS

Binge Drinking Task Force educates about alcohol

By Brittany Jardine
STAFF WRITER

Under the new leadership of Judith Duda, Health Center director, the Binge Drinking Task Force is pursuing its goals for the academic year.

The Binge Drinking Task Force was created to combat one of the largest problems plaguing college campuses. According to the Harvard School of Public Health, binge drinking is consuming five or more drinks in one sitting for men, or consuming four or more drinks in one sitting for women. The Task Force did a survey of students last spring to find out if binge drinking was a problem on our campus. Seventy-seven percent of students surveyed said they drink alcohol. Of that number, 50 percent of the students said they binge drank during the two weeks prior to the survey.

When Neal Edman, dean of Student Affairs, began the Binge Drinking Task Force in 1998, there were already several goals in mind. Promoting awareness and information about binge drinking, identifying and targeting specific audiences and high-risk groups, and developing programs that focus on changing the campus atmosphere were among those goals.

Since the creation of the organization, many things have been accomplished. The Alcohol 101 program wellness classes use to educate students about the dangers of binge drinking was the work of the Binge Drinking Task Force. P.E.E.R.S was established based on findings of the task force. Policies and practices of the judicial system were also increased to deter students from drinking on campus.

The Binge Drinking Task Force meets two or three times each term to discuss drinking issues and to give feedback on what the organization can do to help. Many groups on campus are involved with the organization. The Student Affairs staff, residence life staff, various faculty members, and representatives from fraternities and sororities usually attend the meetings. The student body is encouraged to attend as well.

According to Duda, education is the best way to stop binge drinking. "The more students learn about binge drinking, the better off they will be. Students often have difficulty because they don't know the boundaries. We're really concerned with safe drinking," Duda said.

The organization tries to educate students about date rape, car accidents, alcohol poisoning and legal problems with drinking. "The idea is to give students the facts," Duda said.

Fraternities and sororities play an important role in the education process. Representatives from these organizations are seen as liaisons between the students and the committee. Risk management within these organizations is seen as part of the solution.

The Binge Drinking Task Force also works to involve non-drinkers in campus life. The organization has implemented and supported several functions, such as Feast N' Fire held in the spring, to promote non-alcoholic programming.

"I think it's great that the school recognizes the need for the task force and is not embarrassed to admit that some of their students might have a problem," sophomore Stefanie Maccaglia said.

The next meeting of the Binge Drinking Task Force will be from 7-8 p.m.Tuesday, Nov. 13 in the Lindley Dinning Hall. All students are encouraged to attend.

Speech and Debate Team competes for first time since 1980s

By Amy Bridge
STAFF WRITER

For the first time since the 1980s, the Speech and Debate Team is actively and successfully competing under the direction of coach James Cherney.

The Speech and Debate Team competes at local colleges, and will also host a competition here in February. The team plans to attend three tournaments each semester, but in the future, hopes to expand its schedule.

The team is open to all students, regardless of major or public speaking experience. The majority of team members are not communications majors, but come from a variety of academic departments.

Like all teams on campus, it holds regular meetings and practices. Organizational meetings are held weekly to go over fund-raising ideas and to work out scheduling details.

"Individual events competitors and debaters hold separate sessions to develop new pieces, do research, discuss arguments and practice," Cherney said.

"The individual events the speech team has prepared for include poetry, prose, duo, persuasive and impromptu," team captain Lindsey Braem said. Additionally, individual events competitors may hold private practice sessions with Cherney or Dr. Craig Caylor, who acts as speech coach. Debaters also hold practice rounds and work sessions throughout the week to prepare for competitions.

A competition lasts anywhere from one to three days, and consists of four to six preliminary rounds of debate. Competitors achieving the highest marks are then placed in a single elimination championship bracket. Individual competitors have two or three preliminary rounds per event. Those with the highest scores compete in the semifinals or finals. Champions are awarded a trophy.

"I think the practice and training that we receive as members is helpful for any major," Braem said. "Regardless of your past public speaking experience, we hope to see more students get involved in this worthwhile experience."

Cafeteria survey results in $300 donation to Sept. 11 Fund

By Laurie Duffee
STAFF WRITER

Sodexo, the campus food service, pledged $1 to the Red Cross Sept 11 Relief Fund for each completed dining hall or snack bar survey up to 300. On Oct. 15, the surveys were offered via e-mail to the campus.

About 250 dining hall surveys and 85 snack bar surveys were received, surpassing the donation limit.

The survey included categories such as service, atmosphere, food and communications. Participants responded to each question using a scale of one to 10.

"I thought the survey was thorough. I liked the one through 10 scale. I felt you could express how you felt," sophomore Kate Sweeney said.

There were, however, some technical problems with the survey. "The comment section didn't work, which was frustrating because I had comments," freshman Nicole Clayton said. Sweeney had the same problem. "In the comment section, the boxes didn't work," she said.

Clayton said she wanted to request a wider variety of authentic ethnic foods. "They have Chinese food, but it's not really Chinese," she said.

Creveling was unaware of the problem. "I've e-mailed Consumer Metrics (the company hired to conduct the survey) to see what's up," he said.

The company does a survey every fall. This is the first time it has been done online according to Creveling. "In the past, as students entered the dining hall, we'd ask them to take a survey," he said.

Students who completed the survey will have their names entered into a drawing for a prize. Last year, the winner received $100.

The company suggested the donation as an incentive for completing this year's survey. "I thought it was great idea. Not only will we get the information we need, but we'll donate to a good cause," Creveling said.

Junior Amanda Kengersky was motivated by the donation. "I only filled it out because of the donation, but I figured it would be helpful anyways. If we don't give them feedback, then they don't know what to improve," she said. Consumer Metrics will give Sodexo an analysis of the results which they will use to develop a plan for improvements.

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get, so it's not a situation we are terribly upset about," Birkhead said.

"We did have some money to do some things we had really wanted to do this year," Birkhead said. But now, due to the lack of funds, the college has had to cut back. The important thing is that no cuts have been made to any organization or department on campus based on what they spent in the previous year.

The budget is drawn up by a group of about 15 people. The business department then does the assembly of the budget. The budget coordinator is the college coordinator, Christine Martin.

Some Are Heroes to play at the Down Under

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

Friday nights at the Down Under usually involve stand-up comedians, poetry readings and acoustic guitar solos. But at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9, the Down Under will be filled with a new kind of sound. The band, Some Are Heroes, will be playing, along with opening band The Fabulous Fall.

Does Some Are Heroes sound familiar? The college's own sophomore Ian Brown, is the drummer for the four-month-old rock band. You may remember him selling tickets to the Sept. 22 Battle of the Bands show at Club Laga in Oakland. Or you may have been one of the many students who attended the event.

"I think there were about three happy buses full of Westminster students that came down to see the show at Laga, plus all the people who drove their own cars," Brown said.

Some Are Heroes walked away with second place out of the 17 acts that played at the battle of the bands. They received $150 and an opening slot for a nationally touring band that plays at Laga. The awarded money went toward the band's new T-shirts that will be sold at the concert.

"There will be two different shirt styles being sold for $10 each," Brown said. "I'm hoping to see them being worn on campus come Monday morning."

At the upcoming J.T.'s Café show, the band will be playing more than twice as long as they played at Laga.

"I'm looking forward to getting more time to play, and to seeing a lot of familiar faces in the crowd next Friday," Brown said. "The past support from the students is one of the reasons we're so excited to play on campus. And the Down Under is a lot closer than Oakland."

This is the first show of many in the Board of Education Tour, which plans stops at area colleges. The next college show will be at Edinboro in a few weeks.

"The main goal of the Board of Education Tour is to bring the academic efforts of local schools to a screeching halt," Brown said. "Westminster seemed the perfect place to begin."

ENVIRONMENT

Mowing: a safe, yet costly way to clean the lake

By Nancy Wicks
STAFF WRITER

Some say it's the Loch Ness monster. Others say the college is finally mining the lake floor for gold. The truth, however, is that Lake Brittain undergoes occasional maintenance to keep the plant life under control.

The committee for Lake Brittain decides how to maintain it. The members of the committee are: Joseph Balczon, Steve Connell, Clarence Harms, Camille Hawthorne, Ron Pennington, Scott Renninger, Ann Throckmorton and Owen Wagner. These people report to the Facilities and Grounds Review Board about work to be done and the Physical Plant follows through.

"The expenses run from $11,000 to $15,000. Failure to maintain the lake results in overgrowth from the algae and plant life," said Physical Plant director, Owen Wagner.

"The lake can be cleaned in different ways, such as with chemicals, by dredging, or by harvesting," Wagner said.

There is concern for the animals that live off the plants in the lake.

"Dredging would kill the plant life and animal life, because the lake would be drained in sections, cleaned and refilled," states Wagner. "Harvesting would cut off the plants, but the roots would still be intact, and the plants would still grow. The part that is cut off is brought up on a conveyer belt."

For these reasons, the Physical Plant harvests instead of dredges the lake.

"The harvesting procedure does not disturb the animal life as much as other methods," Wagner said.

Associate professor and physical education chair, Scott Renninger, uses the lake to teach his classes. "The students would not have this benefit, if the lake was not maintained," he said.

The lake is also an aesthetic asset to the campus. Many people visit the lake year round, mainly in the summertime. "With the camps held on campus, the Missionary Conference and the Fourth of July festivities, we have over 10,000 visitors on campus," said Jan Reddinger, a member of the athletic department. "The lake needs to be not only more useful, but also more attractive. Currently, it is being harvested in late August, which makes it an eye-sore during the summer months."

With the physical education department's addition of a fishing class, lake maintenance has become more important than ever.

"I taught a co-ed class on fishing for the first time this past spring," said Sean Kelly, head baseball and assistant football coach. "The class was very successful and the students had a lot of fun."

There are some on campus who don't view the lake vegetation as a problem.

"The position of the biology department is that we would not object if nothing was done to the lake. The reason for that, it is the normal process in the life of a lake," said assistant professor, Joseph Balczon.

File Photo

The lake mowing device.

Eugene DeCaprio, who has been in charge of the Celebrity Series for almost 13 years, comments on the lake's appearance during the Fourth of July celebration.

"The lake was a thing of beauty and has turned to an eyesore," DeCaprio said. "The lake is too shallow at the one end and is covered with algae."

DeCaprio remembers that Will Orr had the lake put in for recreational use and for boating.

"The lake should be as clean as possible for the functions held on campus," DeCaprio said. "A clean lake makes a statement on how we see ourselves. An algae-ridden lake also makes the same statement in reverse."

The natural and unnatural pollution of Lake Brittain

Photo by Joe Gill

Trash can be found along the edges of Lake Brittain.

Photo by Joe Gill

Trash can also be found floating in the lake.

By Craig Carlin
STAFF WRITER

Lake Brittain, a refuge for an abundance of plant and animal life, is polluted. But as Dr. Clarence Harms, professor of biology said, "pollution is such a general term." Pollution may be natural or unnatural.

The lake, like most of the environment, is polluted by garbage from humans, but Harms said the lake is more naturally polluted with nutrients. Phosphates and nitrates found in most fresh water bodies are primary "pollutants" of the lake, but these encourage the growth of plants.

With the lake containing an excess amount of nutrients, the plant life flourishes giving the appearance of contamination where there is none. Because the lake is shallow, the plant life seems to take over unless controlled by human intervention.

Dr. Harms is opposed to the idea of adding chemicals to kill what he calls the "pests." These are the plants that have been introduced to the lake by humans he says. The "pests" are the plants that make the lake appear to be unnaturally polluted. Harms says that chemicals would not only kill the plants, but also the animal life, which includes fish, turtles, frogs, clams and a variety of insects. Treating Lake Brittain with chemicals would have a negative effect on the environment of the lake and on other bodies of water where the water eventually ends up.

Dr. Harms said the best way to make the lake water look clearer and more attractive would be to make the lake deeper. This, however, would be extremely expensive.

Harms said that the easiest way to keep the lake looking clean is to continue with harvesting. Harvesting is the annual process by which the lake's plant life is trimmed, collected, and sent to the biology field station. Every summer, the college hires a company to clear the lake of excess plants by using a pontoon boat equipped with a special trimming device. Dr. Harms suggests the college invest in its own equipped pontoon boat to lessen future harvesting costs.

Harvesting makes the lake more attractive for a short period of time, but ultimately the plant life grows back, and the lake once again appears polluted. "It's a pond, and it will have stuff growing in it," Harms said.

Lake Brittain, despite natural and unnatural pollution, is still used for biology research, fishing and boating.

Dr. Harms warns people, however, about swimming in the lake. Infections are a risk with all pond water, especially infections of the throat. The major danger of swimming in the lake is the glass that can be found on the bottom.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Sept. 11 terrorist attacks increase bomb shelter sales

By Joe Mandak
AP Writer

PITTSBURGH-Jim Allan has been preparing to move into the lead-lined, concrete bomb shelter under his front porch for the past year.

Far from an alarmist, Allan thinks the 8-by-23-foot shelter--heated with a small storage area and toilet--would make a good art studio.

"I think in case of tornadoes and things, I feel very secure. But I really don't get obsessed with that," said Allan, an art professor from suburban Pleasant Hills, just south of Pittsburgh. "It's just another room off my house."

In the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the subsequent anthrax scares, at least one entrepreneur is seeing a surge in residential shelters, but emergency officials say bomb and public fallout shelters no longer have a place in civil defense plans.

"As far as my personal opinion, no, (public) shelters are not a good way to spend money," said Albert Ashwood, director of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Agency. "We're actually leading them into the threat if we ask people to leave their homes and drive somewhere else to a shelter."

Federal and state emergency agencies say no one knows how many residential bomb shelters were built during the nuclear scares of the 1950s and 1960s--or how many still remain. The number and location of public fallout shelters established by the defunct federal Office of Civil Defense are also history, officials said.

Kenneth D. Rose, a history professor at California State University-Chico, says estimates of how many residential shelters were built during the Cold War vary widely, from 200,000 or less to an "absurd" 1 million.

Rose published a book, "One Nation Underground: The Fallout Shelter in American Culture," in which he describes the history of America's shelters.

One reason it's difficult to estimate the number of shelters is because those who built them often did so in secrecy, not wanting their neighbors to know. They didn't want to be faced with the prospect of turning back, or confronting, neighbors in the event of an emergency, Rose said.

"A lot of people would build these in the dead of night," he said.

The federal government gradually distanced itself from its public shelter program as the Cold War wound down. In the early 1990s the shelters--usually the basements of large buildings--were turned over to state and local control, said Mark Wolfson, spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency converted some fallout shelters in Jackson to government-subsidized apartments.

"Other than that, if anything is done with them, we've left that up to the local or county authorities. Most of them have been converted to something else," said Amy Bissell, the agency's public relations director.

Allegheny County in Pennsylvania had 2,800 public fallout shelters by the early 1970s, enough to provide room, food and water for nearly 2 million people in the Pittsburgh area for two weeks of nuclear fallout.

But there are no state or federal plans to upgrade fallout shelters in Allegheny County or anywhere else in the event of biological or chemical attacks.

"We don't even have a list as to where (the fallout shelters) would be," said Maria Smith, spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. "From what I understand, as the threat of the nuclear attacks have diminished, so did the bomb shelters and that kind of thinking."

That kind of thinking is thriving on the Internet, however.

Sharon Packer manages Utah Shelter Systems and co-founded in 1987 the Civil Defense Volunteers of Utah, which holds monthly meetings in Salt Lake City where information on mass weapons survival, is shared.

The cyber company sold about one corrugated steel shelter a month for 10 years but has sold "two or three a week" since Sept. 11, Packer said.

"They may call me an extremist, but now it's like the red-nosed reindeer--they used to laugh and call me names, but they don't anymore," said Packer, 61.

The dimensions of Packer's underground shelters range from eight feet by 32 feet to 10 feet by 50 feet with ceilings ranging from six to 10 feet. They sell for $20,000 to $40,000; installation costs about $5,000.

She said the shelters are designed for nuclear blasts but can also protect people from chemical and biological attacks if the proper filters and air pressurization equipment are connected.

Philip Hoag, who markets a survivalist book and related gear on the Internet, said shelters may help people survive after an attack--but not the attack itself.

"Your first indication that you should go into your blast shelter is going to be the blast--and you'll be dead," said Hoag, 50, of Emigrant, Mont.

Mario Lemieux to be sidelined after surgery

PITTSBURGH-Mario Lemieux, bothered since training camp by a sore hip, will have surgery Monday that will sideline him for up to a month.

Lemieux will have arthroscopic surgery that will remove long-term wear and tear damage to his hip, accumulated from many years of playing hockey, the Pittsburgh Penguins announced Sunday.

"Nobody really knew what was going to happen, but this kept coming back and coming back," general manager Craig Patrick said. "You thought he was getting better, and he wasn't."

The star forward, who is also the owner of the Penguins, is expected to miss three or four weeks because of the injury that first flared up during an exhibition game on Sept. 22.

He failed to respond to therapy and strengthening treatment, and recent tests revealed evidence of torn cartilage and a small bone fragment.

Lemieux missed Sunday night's game against Florida after being limited to 6 1/2 minutes the night before against Toronto. After Saturday's 4-0 loss, Lemieux said he probably needed to stay out until his hip muscle gets better.

"It might be a while this time," Lemieux said.

Lemieux missed two games following the season-opening loss to Colorado on Oct. 3. But the hip flexor injury that has nagged him did not substantially improve.

Lemieux has scored only one goal in eight games during the worst start of his NHL career.

Sunday night's game was the second of five in eight days for the Penguins, who also play Wednesday at Philadelphia, Thursday against Toronto and Saturday against Tampa Bay.

Lemieux has attempted to keep playing, Kehoe said, "because every day it's kind of different for him."

This will be Lemieux's longest injury layoff since he was limited to 22 games by back surgery and back pain during the 1993-94 season, prompting him to sit out the 1994-95 season. He returned to play the next two seasons, then retired for 44 months before returning in December.

This injury means that the Penguins, who had three of the NHL's top five scorers last season, could be depleted for a while.

"You don't replace Mario. You don't replace Jagr," Patrick said. "Guys are just going to have to pick it up."

Cop shooting trial set Jan. 14

BEAVER, Pa.-A Beaver County judge has rejected a request by an Aliquippa man to be tried as a juvenile in the ambush shooting of an Aliquippa police officer.

Acey Taylor III, who turned 18 last week, will be tried as an adult for the March 15 shooting death of 32-year-old Aliquippa police officer James Naim.

Police said Naim was gunned down execution-style while walking his beat at a housing project, about 20 miles northwest of Pittsburgh.

State prosecutors, who are seeking the death penalty, will try Taylor and Jamie Brown together because they plan to call the same witnesses and present the same evidence against each.

A teen-ager arrested but then cleared in the shooting told police that Brown, 24, and Taylor approached Naim from behind. He said Brown shot the officer in the head from about six feet away, and Taylor then told Brown to shoot again.

A trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 14.

Boston Strangler exhumed to prove innocence

By Tina Moore
AP WRITER

PHILADELPHIA-An autopsy began Saturday on the exhumed remains of the confessed Boston Strangler in an attempt to identify his killer and possibly prove his innocence in the notorious murders.

The body of Albert DeSalvo was exhumed from his Massachusetts grave Friday and transported to a forensic laboratory at York College in central Pennsylvania.

"The family has been unsatisfied all these many years concerning the death of Albert DeSalvo and failure to find anyone guilty of the death," said James E. Starrs, professor of forensic sciences at George Washington University, who is heading a team of scientists performing the autopsy.

DeSalvo was blamed for the string of murders that spread fear in Boston between 1962 and 1964.

He confessed to the killings while serving a life sentence for unrelated crimes, but was never charged and recanted his confession before being stabbed to death in prison in 1973.

Along with their curiosity about his killer, the families of DeSalvo and Mary Sullivan, believed to be the last of the strangler's 13 victims, don't believe DeSalvo was the strangler. They're seeking DNA and forensic evidence to make their case.

An autopsy on Sullivan's body last year showed evidence inconsistent with DeSalvo's account of her murder. The DeSalvo and Sullivan families believe DeSalvo hoped to make money from book and movie deals.

Starrs said while the investigation's primarily goal is to identify DeSalvo's killer--not to prove his innocence--the scientists will not look past any evidence they find.

"If there are any secondary benefits, we'll be glad to take them," Starrs said.

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NATIONAL

Memorial service held at site of World Trade Center attack

By Verena Dobnik
AP WRITER

NEW YORK-With the smoldering gray rubble of the World Trade Center as a sorrowful backdrop, the families of people killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack gathered Sunday for a memorial service filled with prayer and song.

Thousands of mourners, some holding photographs of their loved ones, rose from their plastic chairs as Police Officer Daniel Rodriguez opened the service with "The Star-Spangled Banner." Cardinal Edward Egan delivered the invocation, standing at a podium draped in black.

"They were innocent and they were brutally, viciously, unjustly taken from us," said Egan, the leader of New York's Roman Catholic archdiocese. He called them "strong and dedicated citizens" who were "executives and office workers, managers and laborers."

"We are in mourning Lord, we have hardly any tears left to shed," he said.

More than 4,000 people are still missing.

Many of the mourners wore the jackets and headgear of the police and fire units to which their loved ones belonged.

"We are neighbors, we are family members and we are friends--and we hurt," said Imam Izak-El Mu'eed Pasha, the Police Department's Muslim chaplain. "Let us stand together and pray and not let our faiths be used in such a way. ... They cannot use our faiths and do these terrible things."

For only the second time in the seven weeks since the attack, the round-the-clock recovery and demolition work at the site was halted to allow for the memorial service. The first time was on Oct. 11 at 8:48 a.m.–one month to the minute after the first hijacked plane struck the trade center's north tower-when a moment of silence was observed.

Yellow, white and purple flowers ringed a stage erected in front of a jagged mountain of darkened wreckage. On either side of the stage were huge video screens with images of American flags and the words "God Bless America" and "Sept. 11, 2001."

The crowd was expected to number some 2,000, but it appeared to be larger. Mourners filled the rows of chairs to capacity; some people were forced to stand.

The crisp autumn air was tinged with an acrid smell from the debris, a constant in lower Manhattan since the twin towers collapsed. Although water was sprayed on smoldering spots in the wreckage before the service, a smoky cloud hung over the crowd. The drone of generators providing power for the service temporarily replaced the omnipresent roar of heavy machinery.

Many of the mourners pressed masks to their faces to block out the smoke and the smell. They wiped away tears as tenor Andrea Bocelli sang "Ave Maria" and as other prayers were offered during the hour-long service.

"Since Sept. 11, we the United States of America, have become the reunited states of America," said Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, the Fire Department's Jewish chaplain. "Death will not conquer our love. We will hold on to the memory, we will hold on to this moment, and most importantly, we will hold on to one another."

Earlier, as the mourners were escorted to their seats, many said it was their first visit to the area known as "ground zero." And for many of them, the sight of the destruction caused their jaws to drop.

"For a large number of families, the idea of being at the site was very important," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said earlier. "It was important to them to pray, and to feel a connection to the people they lost."

Other officials attending the service included New York Gov. George Pataki and Sens. Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Anti-terrorism legislation increases FBI authority

DAILY NEBRASKAN

LINCOLN, Neb.-President George W. Bush signed anti-terrorism legislation Friday that gives law enforcement and intelligence officials more authority than ever to pursue and prosecute terrorists. The anti-terrorism bill passed the U.S. Senate with one dissenting vote on Thursday and cleared the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday by a 357-66 vote.

The bill was a hot topic of conversation among members of Congress because of a presidential push to quickly pass legislation against terrorist activities.

The two legislative branches compromised on the bill's final version, which was slightly weaker than what the White House administration initially proposed.

Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska said in a press release that he was pleased the bill passed in a timely manner.

"The laws that protect us must be relevant to the dangers that threaten us," Hagel said.

"We have done this without sacrificing the essential civil liberties to which every American is entitled."

Provisions in the bill increase the FBI's wiretapping and electronic surveillance authority and impose tougher criminal penalties for committing terrorist acts, harboring or financing terrorists or terrorist organizations.

Under the bill, the number of crimes that are considered acts of terrorism are increased, and the punishment for committing these acts are intensified.

Also, national law enforcement can now obtain roving wiretaps on suspected terrorists through the telephone and e-mail.

The roving wiretaps enable officials to monitor any telephone line that a suspected person uses instead of needing separate authorizations for each phone that person may use, which was the procedure before the bill passed.

Lincoln (Neb.) Police Chief Tom Casady said the extended surveillance privileges of law enforcement do not include local officials such as the Lincoln Police Department.

Some controversy arose between the House and Senate about the expanded authority given to the FBI officials.

Members of the House wanted to include time limits in the bill, while the Senate's original bill didn't include any limits.

Under the signed version of the bill, the expanded surveillance powers for telephones and computers will expire in four years.

Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska said in a press release that providing time limits is a key aspect of the bill.

"I think Congress has acted responsibly by including it," Nelson said.

"This clause gives Congress the important authority to modify parts of the bill, should it be deemed necessary, to protect the civil liberties of innocent Americans."

But some have questioned the legislation and asked if the bill's boundaries give authorities too much power.

Michael Combs, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln political science professor, cautioned law enforcement officials not to use the additional authority as a means to discriminate.

Any legislation that grants law enforcement extensive power also carries the possibility for abuse, Combs said.

"The threat is what and how many civil liberties must we give up in order to fight terrorism," Combs said.

The legislation should not be an excuse to engage in racial or ethnic profiling, he said.

"We need to remember we're fighting terrorism," Combs said. "We need to guard against discrimination particularly when talking about Arab-Americans."

"Because even after the threat passes, the legislation is still there for possible use and misuse."

Mayoral candidates target health issues

By Karen Matthews
AP WRITER

NEW YORK-Mark Green secured the backing of former Rep. Floyd Flake and Michael Bloomberg released a plan to improve public health Sunday as the mayoral candidates headed into the final week of campaigning.

Flake is a minister and former Democratic congressman who has endorsed Republicans in the past, including Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. He said Green, the public advocate and Democratic candidate, has a "lifetime record of fighting for all of New York's communities, and he has proven that he is a listener and a uniter."

Meanwhile Bloomberg, the Republican candidate, announced a blueprint to improve public health, including ideas for meeting future bioterrorist threats.

"First, that we improve our communication system," he said at a news conference at Rockefeller Center, where the city's first anthrax case was found at NBC's building.

He said communications had broken down between federal government officials and the New York Police Department when the anthrax case was discovered; while both sides were well meaning, he said better procedures were needed.

Bloomberg proposed a joint bioterrorism task force with representatives from city, state and federal agencies and from public and private hospitals.

Both Green and Bloomberg were at NBC earlier Sunday for interviews with WNBC-TV.

"We've got to do something to stop the flight of jobs," said Bloomberg, a media mogul who has touted his business acumen and lack of political ties.

Green, the public advocate and Democrat, said Bloomberg is relying on "absurd" arguments to claim that he is the more qualified candidate.

"Imagine if I knocked on the door of Bloomberg Financial News and said, 'Hi, I'm Mark Green. I give a good speech. I want to run this company in four months. Where's my desk?'" Green said. "They'd laugh me out of the building."

—National Briefs

Car drives through Denny's restaurant, injures 10

LEOMINSTER, Mass.-A car plowed through the window of a busy restaurant and landed atop a table where a family was lunching, injuring 10 people.

The car rocketed through a car wash that abutted the Denny's restaurant and jumped a curb before slamming through the window Saturday.

The driver, Anthony L. Perry of Fitchburg, and nine others were treated at hospitals and released.

"It could have been a lot worse than it was. The car basically landed in the middle of where they were sitting," Deputy Fire Chief Alfred E. LeBlanc told the Sentinel & Enterprise of Fitchburg.

The accident is under investigation and Perry was cited for negligent driving, said Police Lt. Robert Berberian.

Sixth-grader charged in anthrax hoax

TRAVELERS REST, S.C.-A sixth-grader has been charged with threatening a public official after he gave a teacher an envelope containing white powder.

The 12-year-old Northwest Middle School student, whose identity was not released because of his age, also was charged Friday with disturbing a school and using a hoax destructive device.

Although anthrax was not mentioned, the envelope was presented as a threat, said Greenville County sheriff's Sgt. Darrell Chambers.

Additional charges could be filed pending test results of the powder, Chambers said. Police think the powder was a legal prescription drug the student obtained from home and pulverized.

The boy was suspended from school until further investigation, Greenville County School Superintendent Bill Harner said.

"When it comes to white powder hoaxes, the school district has no sense of humor," Harner said. Teachers cannot teach and students cannot learn if they are worried about their safety, he said.

INTERNATIONAL

American air strikes criticized for civilian deaths

By Kathy Gannon
AP WRITER

KABUL, Afghanistan-American air strikes meant to punish the Taliban spilled over Sunday into residential neighborhoods of the Afghan capital, killing 13 civilians, witnesses said. It was the second time in as many days that missiles have accidentally hit homes and killed residents.

Later Sunday, U.S. jets were back over the skies of the beleaguered Afghan capital, and strong explosions could be heard in the direction of the main road from Kabul to the opposition-controlled Bagram air base.

Weeping families buried their dead hours after the morning bombardment, apparently aimed at Taliban targets to the north and east of Kabul. "I have lost all my family. I am finished," said a sobbing woman in the Qali Hotair neighborhood on Kabul's northern edge.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesmen had no immediate comment on the latest strikes and civilian casualties involved. It has stressed repeatedly that civilians are never deliberately targeted.

Three weeks after the U.S.-led air assault against Afghanistan began, British Prime Minister Tony Blair expressed confidence that allies would prevail. However, his foreign secretary, Jack Straw, told the British Broadcasting Corp. that the war could drag on "indefinitely" and that the coalition was considering a pause during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which begins around Nov. 17.

When asked about a pause in bombing for Ramadan, Pentagon spokesman Jim Turner pointed to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's comment earlier in the day that "the northern alliance and the Taliban fought through Ramadan year after year."

"There was a Middle East war during Ramadan. There is nothing in that religion that suggests that conflicts have to stop during Ramadan," Rumsfeld said on CNN's "Late Edition."

In neighboring Pakistan, where the government has had to work to keep a lid on pro-Taliban unrest, there was growing concern over civilian casualties.

"We feel the military action should possibly be short and targeted in order to avoid civilian casualties," Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, said after meeting German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

Pakistan's government has allied itself with the United States in the confrontation over Osama bin Laden, chief suspect the Sept. 11 terror attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

In a token of that cooperation, Pakistani officials said Sunday they had turned over to U.S. officials a man wanted in connection with another bin Laden-linked attack-the October 2000 bombing of the USS Cole. The handover of the suspect, a Yemeni microbiology student, was the first known arrest outside Yemen in connection with the Cole attack.

Elsewhere in Pakistan, at least 16 Christian worshippers were killed in the southern town of Behawalpur when attackers suspected of belonging to a fundamentalist Muslim group sprayed the church with gunfire.

It was not known if the attack was related to the U.S. air campaign. But the parish priest, Rev. Rocus Patras, suggested it was linked to tensions, saying, "Whenever something happens with America, they attack Christian churches."

Pakistan's main radical Islamic party vowed to step up the challenge to Musharraf, saying it and other religious groups would meet Monday to plan a 10-day protest in the capital to topple the president.

Qazi Hussain Ahmad, head of the Jamaat-e-Islami, said the protest would involve a march into Islamabad and a sit-in.

Elsewhere in Pakistan, hundreds of armed pro-Taliban Pakistanis seized a remote northern town Sunday, demanding that the government stop supporting the U.S.-led strikes, witnesses said. The rebels, armed with rocket launchers, Kalashnikov assault rifles, handmade guns and swords, took over most government offices in Chilas about 200 miles northeast of Peshawar.

In Sunday morning's air strikes, witnesses said 10 people were killed in the Qali Hotair area. An Associated Press reporter saw six bodies, four of them children.

A wailing father hugged the dead body of his son, who looked barely two years old. Bereaved women slapped themselves with grief.

Three other people died near an eastern housing complex called Macroyan, witnesses said.

In Kabul's Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital, a semiconscious 13-year-old named Jawad did not yet know that all eight other people in his family had been killed.

"He asked me, 'how is my family?'" said a neighbor, Mohammed Razi, ushering a journalist out of the boy's hospital room. "I said, 'they are all OK. You were walking in your sleep, and you fell down the well by your house, and I rescued you.'"

In the Pakistani frontier city of Peshawar, another memorial for the dead took place Sunday-but without the corpse.

The Taliban refused to return the body of Afghan opposition figure Abdul Haq, executed Friday after he crossed over into Afghanistan in hopes of drumming up support for the anti-Taliban cause. The Taliban said they had buried Haq in his home village in Afghanistan.

The strikes that hit Kabul came only 12 hours after stray bombs landed Saturday evening behind the rebel military alliance's battle lines north of the capital. Areas behind Taliban lines were also reported hit.

Eight or nine civilians were killed-most of them in alliance-held areas, according to witnesses.

In the opposition-held village of Ghanikheil, villagers said a 20-year-old woman died in the ruins of her mud-brick house, and six were hurt. Four others were injured in a nearby house, they said.

"The sound was huge. The plane swooped down-I could hear it dive," said an eyewitness, Amin Ullah, 70.

Rebels confronting Taliban troops north of the capital had been complaining publicly that the American air strikes weren't doing enough to advance their cause. It wasn't known if Saturday's heavy raids were in response to that.

The opposition's spokesman, Abdullah, who uses only one name, called the damage to the Taliban front lines from Saturday's raids significant and said if such heavy bombardment were routinely employed, "the objective of eradicating terrorism could be achieved much quicker."

The civilian deaths, he said, were an unfortunate mistake.

"Of course we know this wasn't a deliberate targeting," Abdullah said. "We have to coordinate."

Milosevic faces new charges for war crimes

By Anthony Deutschti
AP WRITER

THE HAGUE, Netherlands-Slobodan Milosevic, the former Yugoslav president, was facing new charges in his third appearance Monday before the U.N. war crimes tribunal, this time for murder and persecution in Croatia.

Already indicted for war crimes in Kosovo in 1999, Milosevic was scheduled to plead to a long list of accusations in Croatia dating to 1991, near the beginning of the Balkan wars that resulted from the breakup of the former Yugoslavia.

The ousted leader, transferred to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia four months ago, has been in detention at a special U.N. holding unit outside The Hague along with 47 other inmates.

A court clerk was to read out the fresh indictment on Croatia that was confirmed just three weeks ago, and might also read new charges related to Kosovo, based on the discovery of mass graves of Kosovar victims.

During his first two appearances, Milosevic defiantly clashed with presiding Judge Richard May and refused to recognize the legitimacy of the tribunal or enter a plea. The panel of three judges registered innocent pleas on his behalf.

Milosevic's refusal to hire an attorney led to the appointment of so-called friends of the court to safeguard his interests and ensure a fair trial. But one of Milosevic's Belgrade lawyers has said Milosevic was refusing to cooperate with the team.

The court assigned the three lawyers to lodge motions on behalf of the defendant and draw the court's attention to any mitigating evidence. Although they do not formally represent Milosevic, they can object to any material or submissions they consider inadmissible or unfair.

Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte has said she will file more charges later against Milosevic, including the most serious offense of genocide, for the mass murder of Muslims in Bosnia.

A tribunal judge confirmed the second indictment against Milosevic on Oct. 9, accusing him of responsibility for the murder of hundreds of civilians and the expulsion of 170,000 non-Serbs in Croatia.

The new charges are significant because they "hold Mr. Milosevic accountable for crimes that happened long before Kosovo" and cover a much broader scope of the violent breakup of Yugoslavia, said Richard Dicker, head of the international justice program at Human Rights Watch.

The indictment accuses Milosevic of 32 counts of persecution, torture, murder, plunder, unlawful imprisonment, destroying religious institutions and schools, and other "inhuman acts" in a Serb campaign to route other ethnic groups and create a "greater" Serbian state.

Last week, the U.S.-based Human Rights Watch issued a 593-page-report claiming to provide proof of Milosevic's responsibility for crimes against ethnic Kosovar Albanians.The tribunal, established in 1993 to bring to justice those responsible for atrocities in the Balkans, has indicted more than 100 individuals. Sixty-one have appeared before the court while 31 are still at large.

Fire in Tokyo's entertainment district leaves 2 dead, 8 injured

TOKYO-Two people died and eight others were injured early Monday when a fire broke out in Tokyo's biggest entertainment district, officials said. A similar blaze last month killed 44.

Monday's fire started on the fifth-floor establishment of a six-story multi-purpose building in Tokyo's Kabukicho entertainment district, said Machiko Shimizu, a Tokyo Fire Agency official. The fire did not spread to other nearby buildings.

Fire officials received an emergency call around 6:30 a.m. (2130 GMT).

It was not immediately clear exactly what kind of business was on the fifth floor. Mostly places to eat and drink, karaoke lounges and other establishments occupied the rest of the building.

Kabukicho is packed mostly with bars, restaurants, gaming centers, karaoke lounges and sex establishments.

One man died after suffering burns over his entire body. A 55-year-old man who jumped from the fifth floor died at a hospital, a fire agency spokesman said on condition of anonymity. Eight others--five men and three women--suffered minor injuries, mostly from inhaling smoke, he said.

Firefighters were still looking for people who might be inside the building. The spokesman said the fire had been extinguished.

The fire that broke out in a Kabukicho gaming parlor in the early morning hours of Sept. 1 was Japan's deadliest since 45 people were killed in a 1980 hotel fire in northeastern Japan.

An emergency inspection by the fire department of 4,000 structures after last month's blaze revealed that 90 percent of such narrow, multi-story buildings violate safety regulations.

Investors wary of groups with ties to bin Laden money

By Purva Patel
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

AUSTIN, Texas-University of Texas Investment Management Company board members said at its directors meeting Friday they have no intention of withdrawing its investments with the Carlyle Group, despite its ties with the bin Laden family.

UTIMCO is a private corporation that manages the UT System's $15 billion endowment, including the Permanent University Fund, a state endowment that provides financial support to schools in the UT and Texas A&M systems.

"UTIMCO's investment was made long before the notorious member of the family was getting publicity," UTIMCO Chairman Robert H. Allen said.

UTIMCO first invested in the Carlyle Partners II fund in 1995 and invested in the Carlyle Partners III fund in 2000. Also in 1995, the bin Laden family began investing in Carlyle Partners II. Though the family said it has disowned wanted terrorist Osama bin Laden, the FBI is investigating the family's financial dealings, according to an Oct. 23 London Times article.

"We thought then and think now it's still a good investment," Allen said.

The company will not withdraw its $15.6 million investment in funds managed by the Washington, D.C.-based private investment firm, said Kathy Iberg, UTIMCO president and CEO.

"It would be difficult to dissolve the limited partnership between UTIMCO and the Carlyle Group because it's on a contractual basis," Iberg said.

Limited partnerships are long-term investment relationships in which the general partner manages the portfolio. They are difficult to dissolve because no public market exists in which to sell them.

Allen said the board might be "comforted" by news that the wealthy Saudi family may soon remove its investments in the firm.

"The family of Osama bin Laden is close to ending its relationship with the Carlyle Group," the London Times article said, citing anonymous sources close to the family.

The board also touched on UTIMCO's outlook in light of the Sept. 11 attacks, which added uncertainty to the likelihood of an early economic recovery. Before the attacks, the PUF already had fallen 8.6 percent from $8.4 billion to $7.7 billion for the fiscal year that ended August 31.

The company's returns will remain limited as the economy continues to slow, board member J. Luther King Jr. said.

"We're looking at a low return environment," King said. "Until consumer confidence rebounds, the stability in the economy is not going to get any better."

But Allen said he was optimistic about the company's future.

"No matter what happens, we are well positioned to benefit from positive changes and well insulated from negative changes," he said.

In other matters, the board also adopted a resolution to comply with the Texas Public Information Act and Texas Open Meetings Act.

Church patriarch to repossess land holdings in Israel

By Jack Katzenell
AP WRITER

JERUSALEM-The patriarch of the Greek Orthodox church said in an interview published Sunday that the church intends to repossess land holdings in Israel, including the land under Israel's parliament.

Newly elected Patriarch Eireneos I said a team of experts is to examine all transfers of church property, particularly during the past seven years, with the aim of repossessing as much land as possible, the Jerusalem Post reported.

However, Eireneos--who was elected more than two months ago--has not won approval as patriarch from the Israeli government. A law dating back to the sixth-century Byzantine Emperor Justinian requires the patriarch-elect, and even candidates for the post, to obtain government approval.

In contrast, Eirenoes won quick approval from Jordan and the Palestinian Authority, which also fall within his ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

Earlier, the Israeli government had refused to approve Eireneos' candidacy but backed down when the church appealed to Israel's Supreme Court, accusing Israel of interfering in church affairs, a position supported by the judges.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said a challenge to the election was pending before the Supreme Court, and that the government cannot grant approval until a ruling.

But another official admitted that Eireneos was perceived in some Israeli government circles as being pro-Palestinian, and it was feared that this would affect his attitude toward the sensitive question of church land in Israel, particularly Jerusalem.

One petition challenging the election was submitted to Israel's Supreme Court by supporters of a group of Israeli Jewish families that had moved into a Greek Orthodox hospice in Jerusalem's predominantly Palestinian old city.

In 1990, the group acquired the lease for St. John's Hospice from the previous tenants, against the church's wishes.

According to the Jerusalem Post, Eireneos said the church is aware of the sensitivity of land ownership in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians for control of Jerusalem, and would act pragmatically in its bid to repossess land.

He denied reports circulated during the election campaign that he was pro-Palestinian, insisting that he sided with neither the Palestinians nor the Israelis.

Taliban opposition leader, Abdul Haq, executed Friday

ROME-The execution of a key anti-Taliban opposition leader has not shaken the exiled Afghan king's determination to press for peace, the monarch's aides said Sunday.

King Mohammad Zaher Shah, who has lived in Rome since his 1973 ouster, held a service Sunday in memory of Abdul Haq, who was captured in Afghanistan on Friday and hanged by the Taliban.

"I can assure you that the demise and the martyrdom of our dear friend ... will not stop the peace process," Mostapha Zaher, the monarch's grandson, told reporters after the service in the king's villa outside Rome. "We will do whatever it takes to bring peace to Afghanistan and to give Afghanistan back to the people of Afghanistan."

Haq was in a mountain canyon in Taliban-held central Afghanistan when Taliban forces captured him. Within hours, he and two companions were executed as alleged spies for the United States.

Haq, a top guerrilla leader in the 1980s against invading Soviet forces, was trying to persuade Afghan tribal leaders to abandon the Taliban.

Earlier this month, the 87-year-old Zaher Shah and the Taliban's main opposition, the northern alliance, struck a deal to form a council that would later call a national assembly in Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan has lost one of his greatest sons, we have lost a great friend," Mostapha Zaher said.

Princess Diana's brother to wed former school teacher

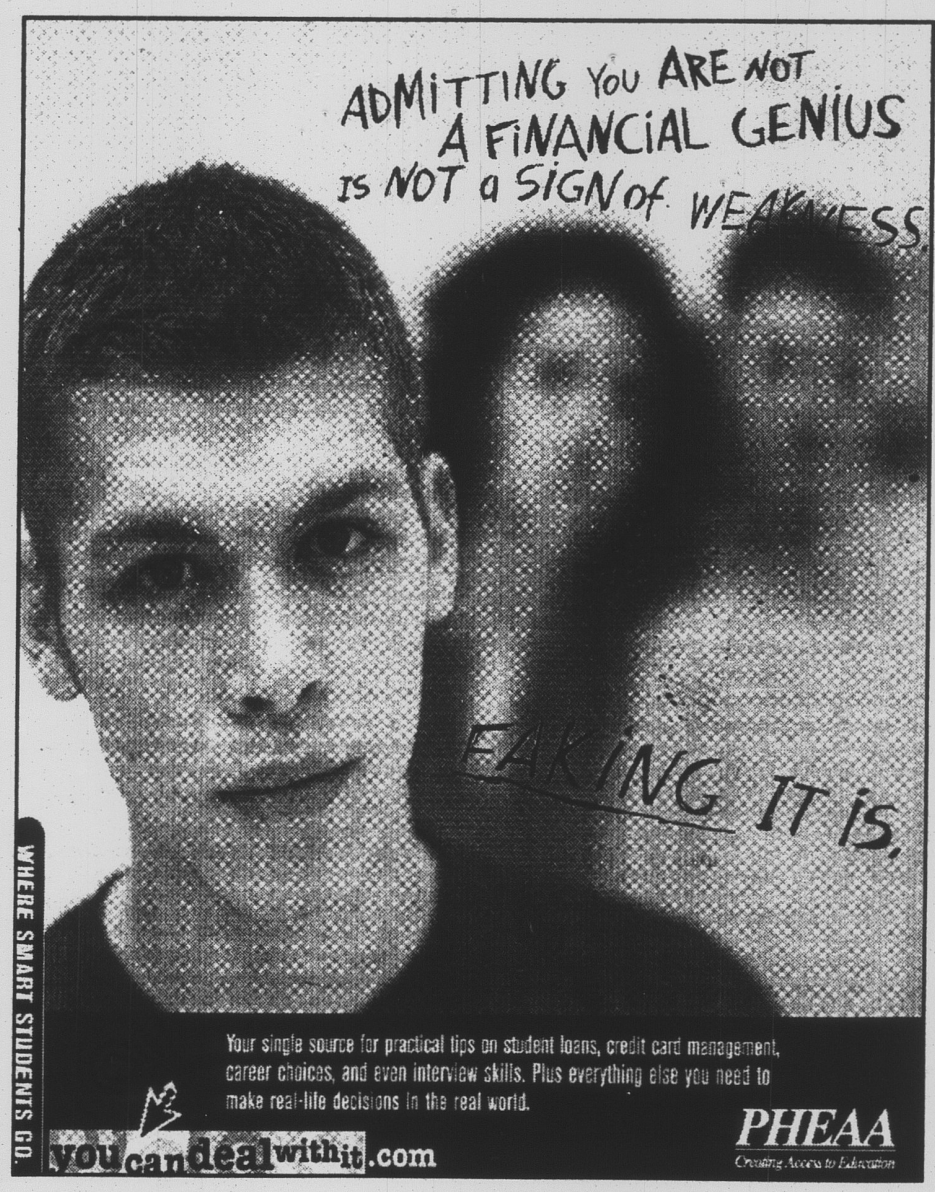
LONDON-Princess Diana's brother Charles, the 9th Earl Spencer, plans to marry his longtime girlfriend in December, his office announced Sunday.

Spencer, whose acrimonious divorce from first wife, Victoria Lockwood, made international headlines, will marry former schoolteacher Caroline Freud Dec. 15, the spokesman said.

Spencer, 36, has four children from his first marriage. Freud has two children from her marriage to Matthew Freud, who now is married to Elizabeth Murdoch, daughter of publisher Rupert Murdoch.

Spencer and his fiancée have known each other since they were students at Oxford University.

The quiet family ceremony is to take place at Althorp, the Spencer family's historic home, where Princess Diana was buried following her fatal 1997 car crash in Paris.



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Lady Titan tennis closes season 7-5 overall, 5-3 PAC

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The Lady Titan tennis team.

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Titan tennis team racked up an 8-1 win against Waynesburg College on Oct. 11. The match had actually begun on September 21, but was postponed due to rain.

The women won five of six singles matches and took all three doubles. Titan leaders include junior Anne Muir, #1 singles and doubles; senior Shannon Haines, #2 singles and doubles; and senior Brenda Rowland at #3 singles and #2 doubles.

The match closed out the season for the Lady Titans, who finished up 7-5 overall and 5-3 vs. teams in the President's Athletic Conference.

Things started out badly for the women, who lost the first two matches against Mercyhurst and Bethany at the beginning of September. Both matches were away.

Coach Kip Haas took the loss against rival Bethany hard.

"We weren't quite as focused as we should have been. It was the second match of the season and we weren't quite ready to play yet."

Things fell into place quickly after that, however, as an 8-1 home match against Washington and Jefferson touched off a four game winning streak against Case Western Reserve, 5-4; Thiel, 8-1; and Mount Union, 5-4.

"Our best match of the season was against Case Western. It was a great match that all came down to Anne," Haas said.

She was talking about Muir, undoubtedly the match hero. She claimed #1 in singles in the match and won the tiebreaker for the Lady Titans.

Team Record: 7-5 Overall (5-3 vs. PAC)
9/1 at Mercyhurst L 1-8
9/4 at Bethany* L 3-6
9/6 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON* W 8-1
9/13 at Case Western Reserve W 5-4
9/15 THIEL* W 9-0
9/23 MOUNT UNION W 5-4
9/26 at Grove City* L 1-8
10/2 at Washington & Jefferson* W 5-4
10/4 BETHANY* L 4-5
10/8 at Thiel* W 8-1
10/10 at Slippery Rock L 1-8
10/11 WAYNESBURG* W 8-1
10/14 EDINBORO 3:30 p.m.

The women chartered a checkered course after that with losses against Grove City (8-1), Bethany (4-5) and Slippery Rock (1-8). Wins included Washington and Jefferson (5-4) and Thiel (4-5).

The ladies also saw their share of injuries this year. Muir was plagued by a bad shoulder all season and sophomore Carra Dixon was

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Men's golf team finishes fall season; ready for spring

By Bobby Fisher
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The men's golf team finished fourth out of 12 with a four-man total of 329. The men finished 16 strokes behind first place Allegheny.

Leading Westminster's team were junior Drew Aufderheide and freshman Scott Voelker. Both shot 80. Other scores included Jim McGovern with 83, junior Dave Blazek with 86 and senior Justin Young with 87.

The four-man "B" team placed 10th in the event with a total of 369. Kevin McCreary lead the B team with 82, followed by freshman Matt Faccenda with 93, freshman Dan Wellman with 94, and sophomore Mike Ranella's 100.

The event wrapped up the fall season.

"We were excited this season because we have three or four seasoned veterans on the team and a lot of freshmen who complement the experience of the older guys," McGovern said.

The team opened strong in mid September when they captured first place in the University of Pittsburgh Greensburg Invitational. The team shot a four-man total of 344. Aufderheide led the Titans in the victory by shooting a 74.

Aufderheide's performance won him individual medalist honors at the invitational.

The B team shot a four-man total of 344.

The team hit a snag at the end of September when they placed 16th at the 19-team Malone College Invitational in Alliance, Ohio. The A team shot a 36-hole total of 634. McGovern led the way for the Titans that day with a total score of 152. Aufderheide followed with 156. Blazek and Faccenda rounded out the foursome, each with 164.

Things picked up again at the beginning of October. The guys finished third at the Washington and Jefferson College Fall Invitational. The team posted an 18-hole total of 339. McGovern and Aufderheide led the team in scoring once again, each with a score of 83. Voelker shot an 84 and Faccenda shot an 89.

The team finished fourth of 16 a week later at the Allegheny Invitational with a score of 320.

The dynamic duo of Auderheide and McGovern led once again, each with a 76. Both Blazek and Voelker shot an 84, and Faccenda shot a 90.

The Titans said they now look to the spring season.

"I think we have a lot of talent on the team. I'm looking forward to the spring season and I hope we have a productive off-season because we're going to be busy in the spring," McGovern said.

Training for the season starts over spring break when the team travels to Litchfield, S. Ca. for a week of practice followed by a tournament.

"Our productivity during this week sets the tone for the whole spring season, so it's a very important week," McGovern said.

College basketball Preseason Top 25 picks and highlights

By Meredith Etcher
STAFF WRITER

The World Series is nearing completion, the fall seasons are coming to an end, and now comes the beginning of a new season of college basketball. The NBA is also beginning this week, but other than the curiosity of seeing Michael Jordan return (again), nothing exciting is happening there.

College basketball still has the excitement and energy that basketball is supposed to have. Last week, ESPN released its Preseason Top 25. Here are the picks and the highlights of the teams.

1. Duke Blue Devils. This is an obvious pick, especially because they are the defending National Champions. Jason Williams, Chris Duhon, Carlos Boozer, Dahntay Jones and Mike Dunleavy Jr. all got better over the summer and give the Blue Devils the most feared offensive five in the country. Duhon and Williams are arguably two of the most talented backcourt tandems in the last decade.

2. Maryland Terrapins. The Terps' heart and soul is Juan Dixon, who is as mentally tough as any player in the nation and has the ability to lead the ACC in scoring. Lonny Baxter, Steve Blake and Byron Mouton are capable and experienced, but Tahj Holden and Chris Wilcox must step forward to give Maryland more balanced strength up front to rebound and defend with anyone.

3. Florida Gators. Even without Kwame Brown, Billy Donovan has a healthy roster full of athletes. Brett Nelson has blossomed into a star who can play with others, and Udonis Haslem is again the best interior scorer in the SEC. With Matt Bonner hitting perimeter shots and the boards, Justin Hamilton guarding people and offensive rebounding, David Lee, Orien Greene, and James White playing their game, Florida has athletic shooters, scorers and passers.

4. Kentucky Wildcats. Kentucky has size, depth and two legitimate All-America candidates. Tayshaun Prince struggled at the three spot last year, but was SEC Player of the Year as a power forward, while Keith Bogans found a more consistent mix between his shot and putting it to the deck. Rashaad Carruth and Josh Carrier should improve the Wildcats' three-point shooting.

5. Kansas Jayhawks. Nobody has two better forwards than Drew Gooden and Nick Collison, and that will be the most consistent feature of the 2002 Jayhawks. Gooden is a physically gifted scorer, passer and rebounder on the verge of superstardom. Collison is tough, skilled and has every post move in the book. Kirk Hinrich and Jeff Boschee are good shooters and passers who can hit from deep, but the key to success will be freshman Aaron Miles.

6. Illinois Illini. They've got the best player in the Big Ten in Frank Williams, one of the top shooters in Cory Bradford and one of the more versatile players in Brian Cook. Bill Self is already proving to be one of the game's best motivators. But the Illini won't have Lucas Johnson for at least half the season, maybe the entire year, which could hurt the team's toughness quotient and its ability to maximize production off the bench.

7. UCLA Bruins.They've got one of the better shooters in the game in Jason Kapono, a solid inside threat in Dan Gadzuric, and a developing T.J. Cummings. Their role players might be some of the best in the nation in Matt Barnes, Ray Young, Rico Hines and Billy Knight. They may also have the best newcomer class in the country with Cedric Bozeman starting right away at the point and Dijohn Thompson and Andre Patterson seeing quality time.

The rest of the list is as follows: 8. Missouri Tigers, 9. St. Joseph's Hawks, 10. Memphis Tigers, 11. Iowa Hawkeyes, 12. Michigan State, 13. Stanford Cardinal, 14. Temple Owls, 15. Virginia Cavaliers, 16. Oklahoma State Cowboys, 17. Boston College Eagles, 18. Georgetown Hoyas, 19. Oklahoma Sooners, 20. North Carolina Tar Heels, 21. USC Trojans, 22. Texas Longhorns, 23. Connecticut Huskies, 24. Alabama Crimson Tide, 25. Gonzaga Bulldogs. With a quality assortment of teams, players and coaches, this season will prove to be exciting.

Men's soccer jumped to 14-4-1 on the season

Contributed Photo

The men's soccer team.

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The men's soccer team jumped to 14-4-1 on the season with wins over Waynesburg and Penn State Altoona this past weekend.

Saturday, the men defeated PAC rival Waynesburg 1-0. The lone goal of the match came during the 10th minute of play from junior midfielder B.J. Mathieu off an assist by sophomore forward Matt Roser.

Senior goalkeeper Jim Houser recorded three saves en route to his sixth shutout of the season.

On Sunday, the Titans routed Penn State Altoona 6-1 to make their mark as the most winning team in Westminster history, breaking the record set by last year's squad.

The men came out firing to the tune of a 4-1 lead at the half, before finishing with a double coup de gras during the second.

Six Titans scored in the match, including Mathieu, Roser, sophomore Todd Fisher, freshman John Booth and junior Joe Brickner. Houser even left the net to add a further goal on a penalty kick.

Houser also managed to stop nine of the Yellow Jacket's 10 shots during 85 minutes in goal, before freshman Rick Walker closed the final minutes.

RECORD: OVERALL (14-4-1)

9/01/01 vs D'Youville W 6-2
9/02/01 at Pitt-Bradford W 2-1
9/08/01 PITT-GREENSBURG W 5-0
9/15/01 at La Roche W 2-0
9/19/01 at Washington&Jefferson L 1-2
9/21/01 THIEL W 3-0
9/27/01 at Grove City W 2-0
9/29/01 WASHINGTON&JEFFERSON W 5-0
9/30/01 LAKE ERIE W 13-0
10/03/01 at Waynesburg W 3-1
10/05/01 at Penn State-Behrend T OT 2-2
10/10/01 BETHANY L 3-5
10/12/01 GROVE CITY W 2-1
10/17/01 at Thiel W 3-0
10/19/01 PITT-JOHNSTOWN W 6-0
10/22/01 ALLEGHENY LOT 1-2
10/24/01 at Bethany L 1-5
10/27/01 WAYNESBURG W 1-0
10/28/01 PENN STATE-ALTOONA W 6-1

The team will return to action at home Tuesday verses Duquesne University for a 3:00 p.m. game.

Lady Titans end the season 15-5-0

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The women's soccer team wrapped up regular season play this past Sunday with a 5-1 win over Clarion.

Ending the season at 15-5, this year's squad tied the record for wins set by the inaugural team, 15-3, in 1998.

Coming out of the half on the momentum of a 2-0 lead, courtesy of senior Ashley Pyle, the Titans continued to dominate with a further goal by Pyle and the final score by fellow senior Stacy Tempalski.

The Titan defense held Clarion to just six shots in the match. Senior goalkeeper Sarah Morrison was credited with four saves in the final regular season start of her career.

The end of this season marks the graduation of the first class of women to complete full four-year careers in the Titan soccer program. During the span of the program, they have achieved a record of 48-26-1, with multiple players earning national recognition.

With the final victory in the twilight of her collegiate career, Pyle now holds every offensive record, both season and career, tallying career totals of 80 goals, 39 assists and 199 points.

Looking back on the past four seasons, Pyle said, "We have had more success than any of us could have imagined. I for one will never forget my time at Westminster."

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The women's soccer team.

RECORD OVERALL (15- 5- 0)

9/01/01 vs Heidelberg W 4-2
9/02/01at Case Western Reserve W 4-1
9/08/01vs Otterbein L 0-1
9/09/01at Capital W 2-1
9/14/01THIEL W 10-0
9/19/01at Wooster L 1-2
9/21/01GROVE CITY W 4-1
9/25/01at W&J W 3-0
9/29/01at Waynesburg W 4-0
10/01/01 BETHANY W 7-1
10/04/01 at Thiel W 1-0
10/07/01ELIZABETHTOWN W 2-0
10/09/01 at Grove City LO2 1-2
10/11/01 W&J W 6-0
10/14/01 DENISON L 1-2
10/15/01 WAYNESBURG W 8-2
10/18/01 ALLEGHENY L 2-3
10/20/01 at Bethany W 7-1
10/24/01 at Geneva W 5-0
10/28/01 CLARION W 5-1

Come cheer on the swim team at their first home meet tonight at 6!

Upcoming Sports

Friday, 11/2/01
Swimming - WC Relay Carnival 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 11/6/01
Men's Soccer vs. DUQUESNE 3 p.m.

Saturday, 11/10/01
Swimming vs. CASE WESTERN 1 p.m.
Football at Waynesburg 1:30 p.m.

Swimming season begins with Relay Carnival

By Carolyn Miller
STAFF WRITER

Swimming season begins today, as the Titan teams are led into the season by 17-year coach Rob Klamut. After a successful season last year, the teams are ready to live up to their now-fearsome reputation.

The Lady Titans had an undefeated record in dual meets last year. Since then, many of the team members have graduated, leaving a smaller, newer team. Coach Klamut said that the motto this year is "quality over quantity," as the team has fewer, but better members.

The senior swimmers will lead the women's team this year, along with returning national qualifiers sophomore Brittany Jardine and junior Stefanie King.

"We don't know if we can duplicate last year," Klamut said, "but we have our goals set high."

The 2000-01 season for the men's swim team was also successful, with a record of eight wins and two losses in dual meets.

The teams will compete in the Nov. 17 dual meet at Ashland University in Ohio, as well as the University of Akron Invitational meet at the end of November.

The swimming season officially begins with the Westminster Relay Carnival. Five schools will compete in a relays-only meet, which Klamut describes as a "fun way to start the season." The schools attending are Allegheny College, Edinboro University, John Carroll University, Penn State Altoona and Salem International University. The Relay Carnival will begin at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 2.

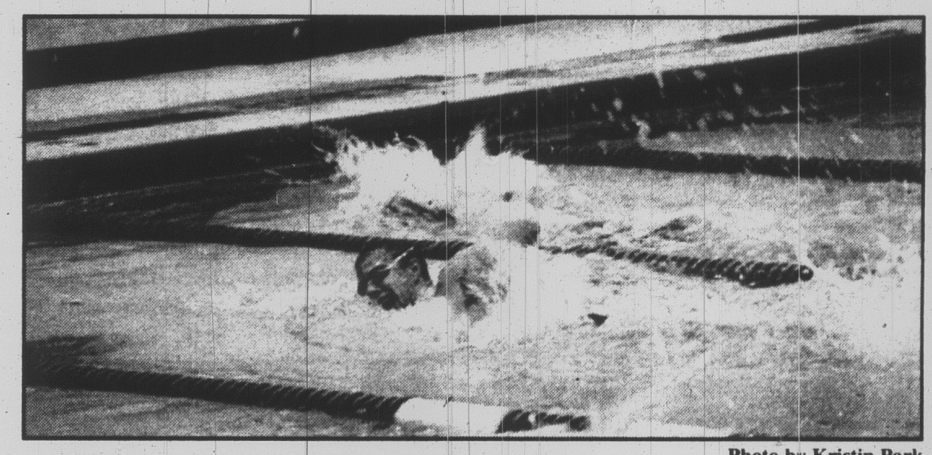


Photo by Kristin Park

A swimming Titan practices for the upcoming season.

Titan football falls to Golden Knights 35-27

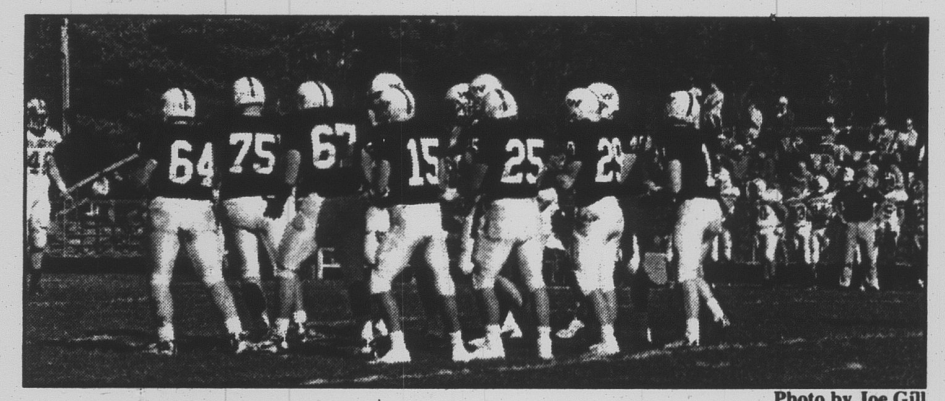


Photo by Joe Gill

The Titans will end their season on Nov. 10 at Waynesburg.

By B. D. Wilson
STAFF WRITER

The football team fell to 3-5 after a 35-27 loss at the hands of Gannon University this past Saturday.

The Golden Knights took an early lead, driving 70 yards on eight plays into Titan end zone during the first possession of the contest.

Westminster went on to take a 14-7 lead during the second quarter by way of touchdown passes from sophomore Matt Robison to senior receiver Brian Lipiello of 11 and 19 yards respectively.

Gannon then rallied to score three touchdowns in 4:37 to regain the lead at 28-14. Westminster answered with a further Robison-Lipiello touchdown pass, this time 68 yards, yet blew the extra-point attempt, leaving Gannon an eight-point lead at the half.

During the third quarter, Robison connected with Lipiello on an 11-yard touchdown and brought the Titans within reach at 28-27.

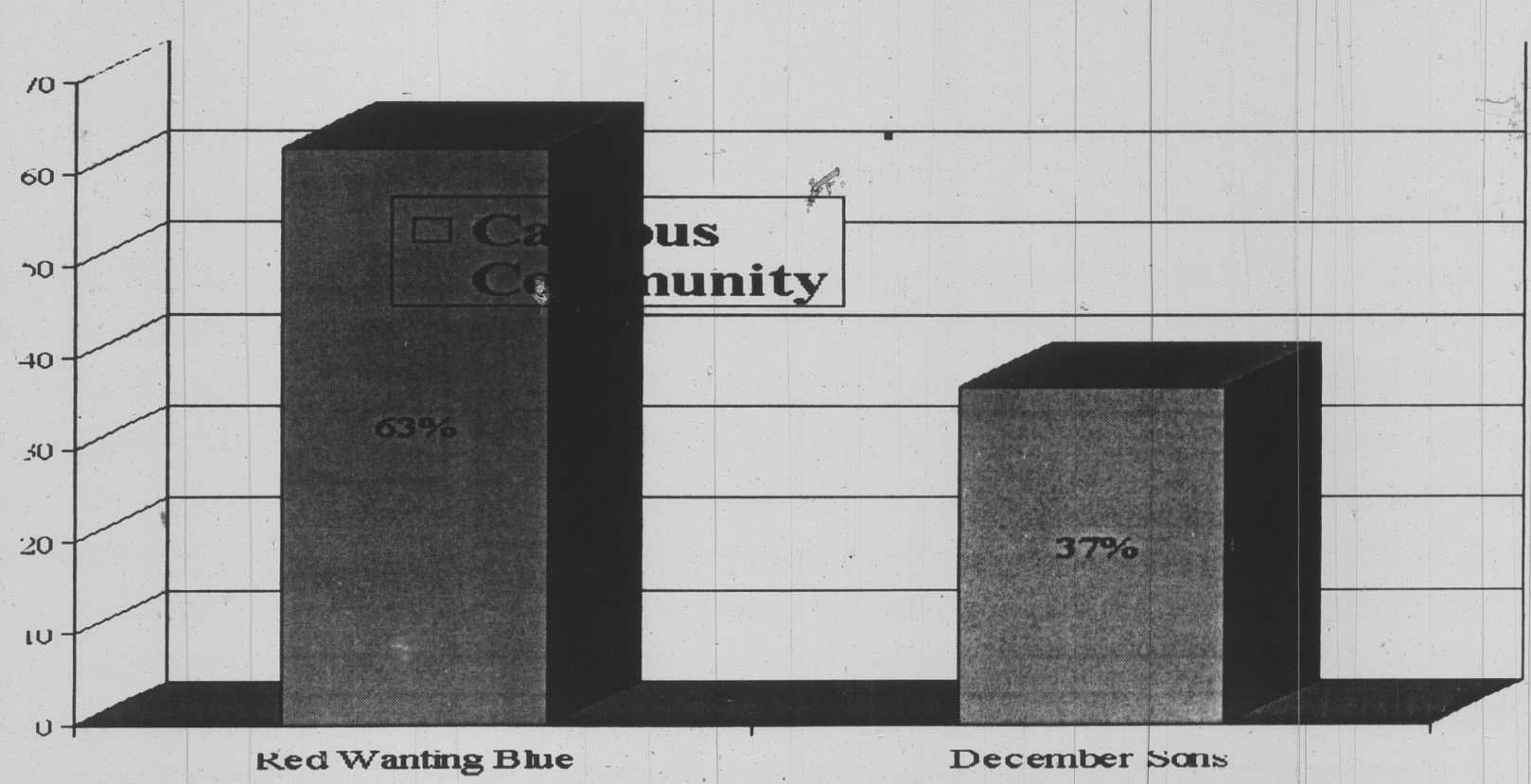
The final score came with 12:44 left in the fourth quarter on a one-yard run by Gannon's Kevin Cloherty.

Despite the loss, Robison managed to set career-high totals, completing 17 of 40 passes for 254 yards and four touchdowns, while Lipiello snagged 11 passes for 192 yards and received all four touchdown passes.

The team is off this weekend, but will return to action on Nov. 10, for PAC competition at Waynesburg College.

Field's Study: What band should come to Mardi Gras?

By David C. Field



A total of 100 men and women were polled

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Bring back the chicken nuggets."

"Why are there so many e-mails with attachments when we can't even open them from our rooms?"

"I need a date."

"Why isn't the new sidewalk in front of Galbreath symmetrical?"

"I wish there were phones by every table in the cafeteria so I could call my friends at other tables."

"If it takes 15 minutes to say goodbye 'properly,' start at 11:45 or 11:30."

"If the question is 'Do you want the jazz salad?' the answer is yes, yes, oh God yes."

"Why do they charge more for a bagel sandwich at the TUB? The price goes up every semester."

"The equestrian team is great this year. It is ranked five of 15 teams in our region and moving up."

"Good job to the cafeteria for having strawberries today."

"Isn't the library supposed to be a comfortable place to study? Why is it so hot in there?"

"Why doesn't the mailroom have a paper recycling bin for all the junk mail we get from the school?"

"The RAs of Galbreath are awesome!"

"Why is Old 77 closed on the weekends? That is when people have time to exercise."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Compromising our values

It has been said on the news that the government may torture people caught in connection with the Sept. 11 terrorist attack for information. The other option is to expedite them to a country that condones torture.

Is this America? The CIA is saying it's okay to murder bin Laden because we are at war.

What about the Constitution? What about the Bill of Rights? Doesn't everyone in our country deserve a fair trial whether they are citizens or not?

It is easy to jump on the patriotism wagon--to say that it is okay to kill anyone we have to in order to justify the lives lost on Sept. 11. Does anyone else see a problem with the way we view murder?

For some reason, it is okay to kill people who are in the military, but not civilians. Why is that? Do we not value the lives of our military, or is it the fact that they have offered to give theirs for the country?

Do we really value life? We value it in times of peace. We don't let the smallest murder pass under our noses. We kill those who kill, but only after a fair trial and we don't kill the murderers' family because they had nothing to do with the murder. Why are we now killing those in Afghanistan who had absolutely nothing to do with the attacks? Are we valuing life at all?

What does torture say about America? That we are blatently ignoring the ammendment to the Constitution that rules against cruel and unusual punishment.

Our country has for a long time been a refuge and safe haven for those who come here, but now we are threatening to torture criminals. It most likely won't stop with those who aren't citizens. If we let our government torture those who are in custody now, will the govenment not think we stand behind them? Won't they think it's okay to start torturing criminals who are citizens?

It is easy to jump on the patriotism wagon--to say that it is okay to kill anyone we have to in order to justify the lives lost on Sept. 11.

In the time of war we have to ask ourselves if we are willing to compromise what our country was built on in order to win a war. Do we accept the blatant killing that we thought was so wrong during all previous wars we've been involved in? Do we accept that our country is willing to torture in order to get what we want?

Our country is the land of opportunity, the land of democracy, the land of the free. We cannot justify it becoming a dictatorship, a torture chamber or a military state.

We blame it on the terrorists. We must protect ourselves, and that is true, but are we still going to blame it on the terrorists 10 years from now when we can't even recognize the democracy we grew up in? Something has to be done to prevent it from disappearing. Something has to be done by us. We must work to keep the world from making us turn against ourselves.

We must assume that none of us is so intelligent, so wise, that we can decide who lives and who dies. This is not our decision.

To torture those who have wounded our nation so deeply may provide information, but, most likely, will not. It will merely serve as an example to other countries that America is not so pure when it comes to human rights abuses.

We are sending the wrong message to countries when we suddenly change our minds about human rights for all. We send the wrong message when we turn around and torture the people of a country we have in the past advised to change their human rights attitudes.

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Guest editorial: An insight into the Kashmir dispute

By Dr. Tom Nichols Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., now retired and living in Gainesville, Georgia. Dr. W. Thomas Nichols taught at Westminster from 1972-2000. He specializes in international politics and comparative government, and worked as an intelligence analyst in Washington, D.C. for eight years.

Just prior to the recent APEC meeting which President Bush attended in Shanghai, shots were fired over the dividing line which separates the troops of Pakistan from the soldiers of India in Kashmir. Perhaps we should look at the origins of that dispute to see why it is still such a major threat to peace in south Asia.

For over fifty years Kashmir has been in dispute between India and Pakistan. Both states want this entire province, which lies between both countries, and which touches Afghanistan and China as well.

The dispute is a flashpoint that is one of the most dangerous in the world. Kashmir has been the reason for three major wars, between the countries of India and Pakistan, since the British withdrew in 1947.

Following their successful nuclear tests in May 1998, both India and Pakistan have operational nuclear bombs. It is completely possible that the Kashmir dispute could be the cause of a thermonuclear war that would kill millions on both sides and create horrible environmental damage for the rest of the world.

This dispute is complicated by many factors.

The first is symbolic of ideological differences.

Prior to the British withdrawal in 1947 two different political groups struggled to get the British to leave the colony. The Indian National Congress, led by Gandhi, wanted the British to pull out and leave all of India as one country.

The Muslim League, led by Jinnah, wanted the British to pull out and leave two countries, one for the Hindus (the larger India), and another for the Muslims with two parts, East and West Pakistan.

Jinnah's arguments prevailed, and Gandhi lost his dream of a single, united India.

Scattered over the face of India were pockets of more than 500 princely states. Most were led by princes called maharajahs. The British told the maharajahs that they could join either India or Pakistan.

Although some of the princely states tried to become independent, all but one joined the state that they bordered, either India or Pakistan. The religion of the prince and his people was a factor. Hindus wanted to be part of India, Muslims wanted into Pakistan.

The one hold-out maharajah was the leader of the province of Kashmir. He really wanted to be totally independent, like Nepal. So he refused to join, or accede, to either state.

The maharajah of Kashmir was a Hindu. Most of his Kashmiri subjects were Muslim. When fighting broke out between the maharajah and his subjects, soldiers from Pakistan crossed the border to help their fellow Muslims get free of a Hindu ruler.

The maharajah called on India to rescue him. They refused unless he joined India first. So he did. Thus Indian and Pakistani troops fought the first war over Kashmir from 1947 to 1948.

A peace accord was drafted which granted Pakistan occupation rights in the northwestern third of the province. India was granted similar rights in the lower southeast section. A 500-mile border through rugged mountains divided the Indian troops from the Pakistani troops.

In addition to the interstate wars between India and Pakistan over Kashmir, there has been a major rebellion inside the Indian portion of Kashmir. A dozen Muslim groups, mostly wanting to join Kashmir with Pakistan, have fought the Indian authorities. The results have been more than 30,000 killed over the past decade.

The province is symbolic. If all of it goes to Pakistan, then Jinnah's ideology will have prevailed. If all of it goes to India, Gandhi's ideology will have prevailed.

Kashmir touches China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India. It lies just to the west of Tibet on the rooftop of the world. The land has strategic military value.

Kashmir is also the source of the Indus River which flows through the deserts of Pakistan. Whoever controls Kashmir can control the flow of water downstream. Since water is so scarce in Pakistan, they want to own the source of their major river.

Kashmir is beautiful. Its geography makes it the Switzerland of the Indian subcontinent. It can bring in very much money from foreign tourists and from natives seeking high altitude cool relief from the lowland heat in the summers.

This dispute has festered for half a century. The western powers must do everything we can to keep it from escalating into the first thermonuclear international war.

We must encourage the leaders of both Pakistan and of India to follow the advice of Winston Churchill. He said "It is better to jaw, jaw, than to war, war."

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

This week marks the first full week of scheduling for the spring term. This is a stressful time for many students, but it becomes even more stressful when classes he or she needs conflict in timing. I have had this problem in the past myself. Fortunately, the class conflict that was looming for next semester was solved because of a great investment in time by the course professors in finding an alternate class time. However, most students are not as fortunate.

Many classes at Westminster are only offered every other semester, or even every other fall or spring. Although many of the elective classes (by elective I mean ones for requirements such as "any 300 level course in this field") count for the same credit, they do not offer the same experience in the field of the student's choice. Even worse, occasionally students are set back in their academic tracks because of two necessary classes conflicting.

It has always seemed to me that at Westminster various departments are either not communicating well or refusing to work together with other departments. Thanks to the efforts of dedicated professors, many of these conflicts are solved before they create serious problems. However, this is usually after both they and the student have utilized much time and effort towards the problem, and not all of the conflicts are solved. I would only ask that the professors communicate better in not scheduling limited section necessary classes at the same times as professors in other departments.

Sincerely,

Matt Lauffer

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Bradley D. goes to the movies

K-Pax

...beam me up Ebert!

Brad Dell

When I go to a Kevin Spacey movie, I never know what to expect. But I always go ... because the man is brilliant. From *Se7en* to *The Usual Suspects* to *LA Confidential* to *American Beauty* to *Pay it Forward*...and now to *K-Pax*, this subtly spectacular cinematic wizard draws me to the local cineplex. This one man takes me there ... and I know not what I will see ... and he never disappoints.

In *K-Pax*, Spacey is no different. As a mental patient claiming to be Prot of the planet K-Pax, he shines as the brightest, most superior star in the whole universe of this film. (To be fair though, it is hard for anything in any film to outshine this modern Great One. Just ask Annette Benning or Sam Mendes' marvelous plastic bag; *American Beauty* is Spacey's movie.)

After a minor police altercation, Prot is brought to a New York mental hospital, and falls into the hands of Dr. Mark Powell (Jeff Bridges). Though Powell remains committed to curing Prot of his obvious affliction, he cannot help but be mystified by the enchanting charade of his patient, whom he calls "the most convincing delusional he's ever seen." When Prot announces plans to return to K-Pax, Powell prepares for his patient's impending doom. So begins the race to save the man buried inside the alien.

Throughout the entire film, Prot wears dark black sunglasses because the brightness of the light on earth is so much stronger than that of his own planet. Unfortunately, the brilliance of *K-Pax* (the film) is even less than that of the planet from which it gets its name. In fact, without Spacey, *K-Pax* probably wouldn't make it to a 2 a.m. slot on the WB.

As you can imagine, those on screen and in the audience question the truth of Prot's story. This becomes the central appetite and aftertaste of the film. Unfortunately, Director Iain Softley and Screenwriter Charles Leavitt overfeed the frames of this film with so many emotion-tapping side dishes that when it's all over, the audience is too bloated to care. And in this case, quantity is not quality.

For example, the film portrays Dr. Powell as an obsessive workaholic who neglects and is nearly estranged from his wife and kids. Aahh! I am so sick of the victimized housewife scenario. Powell's wife (Tess McCarthy) never smiles in the film because of her disdain for her passionate, workaholic husband. This totally unoriginal side story exists in *JFK, The Insider, Unbreakable, Traffic*. Can't a man be good at something and passionate about it without having the world mad at him for neglecting his family? It's time Hollywood left this clichéd subplot to the Lifetime movie of the week.

And of course, Prot's mere presence in the mental ward brought the other psycho patients out of their drooling atrophy and into some kind of awakened euphoria. Hmm...didn't *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Awakenings,* and *Patch Adams* wrestle that same alligator? Not to even mention the fact that those films pinned their reptile in a 30-second three count, while *K-Pax* floundered in and out of the ring without ever knocking out its beast. The mental ward gang was cute, but I had no idea how I was supposed to view Prot's effect on them. It was very unclear.

The production team of *K-Pax* needed to trim down its sappy moral agendas and beef up the dialogue and plot. With such a weak elemental structure, the morals became trite and preachy. The strength of this film, what makes it different from all the rest, is the Spacey character and the complex relationship he develops with Bridges' Dr. Powell. If they would have cut the emotional bull, and kept the focus on this central relationship, the film may have motivated us to ponder the big question as we digested our butter drenched popcorn. But alas, the fine performances of Bridges and Spacey are lost in the film's completely unnecessary syrupy sweetness.

So, I advise you to tune into the *X-Files* for its sci-fi thrill, look to Meg Ryan for the sappy flicks, leave Jack Nicholson to inspire the mental ward and grab *The Usual Suspects* for the usual Spacey magic. Leave *K-Pax* for a second choice video rental some time next winter.

It's shocking that a film literally coming from the stars could receive so few. I give it one and a half. Beam me up Ebert.

The Crucible brings the Salem Witch Trials to campus

By Brad Dell and Kevin Humberston
STAFF WRITERS

Theatre Westminster will open its 2001-2002 season with the American classic, *The Crucible*, by Arthur Miller. The show will run Nov. 8-10 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. in Beeghly Theater. This is the fiery account of the Salem Witch-Trials, a momentous page in American history that has left a mark on our nation still visible even today.

Junior history major Josh Hanna is very interested in the upcoming play. "I am greatly anticipating the presentation of *The Crucible* to refresh my memory and interest in the Salem Witch Trials, which I previously wrote about in Dr. Twining's Colonial America class," he said.

Junior Brian Barrett will have the leading role of colonial farmer, John Proctor, whose stubborn demand for justice during the mass hysteria of the witch-hunts aroused the hostility of the bigoted persecutors.

"This show is heavy on the dramatic and serious side but I think that it shows a very important side of human nature," Barrett said.

Senior Amy Young plays the farmer's wife, irresponsibly accused of witchcraft by the wanton servant girl, Abigail Williams (sophomore Sara Kimbell), who hopes, that with the wife out of the way, she can have the farmer's affections for herself.

The other members of the cast include senior Brad Dell as the self-righteous, vengeful Deputy-Governor Danforth of the Massachusetts colony who presides over the witch-craft trials, sophomore Drew Huston as the pretentious Reverend Parris willing to send to the gallows for witchcraft everyone who opposes him; senior Kristen Kress as an intimidated servant-girl brought to testify the truth, senior Craig Gottschalk as a clergyman who is horrified by the hatred and injustices of the trial, freshman Robert Allen as Judge Hathorne, junior Jason Cooper as Giles Corey, sophomore Alisa Locke as Rebecca Nurse, senior William Weniger as Francis Nurse, junior Lisa Joyce as Mrs. Ann Putnam, freshman Rich Marmura as Thomas Putnam, junior Kiki Washington as Tituba, freshman Kauleen Cloutier as Sara Good, freshman Tom Oyer as Ezekiel Cheever, sophomore Philip Webster as Willard, freshman Maggie Muir as Betty Parris, freshman Carolyn Kapus as Mercy Lewis and freshmen Rachel Mellor, Lindsay Ponsonby, and Megan Sigler as the girls.

The show is directed by Eileen Hendrickson and stage managed by Katrina Kayden.

"The Crucible can best be described as a play filled with characters that walked in history," Hendrickson said. "This play can be understood in many different ways. It can be understood as a hypocrisy, neglect, a panorama of history or a religious experience."

Tickets are free to the Westminster community, $5 for the public and will be on sale from noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 5 -9 at the Beeghly Theater box office. Call EXT. 7241 for reservations or box office information.

Stanley Plumly, poet, held campus reading on Oct. 30

By Beth Staley
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday, Oct. 30 was a pleasant evening with a slight breeze, a nearly full moon, and a large crowd of people in the chapel. Nearly 40 students, faculty members and members of the community gathered to listen to a poetry reading by Stanley Plumly.

"I love it when poets come here," said senior English major Lani Nuss. "It gives us a chance to not think about anything, and just listen."

Plumly traveled from Washington D.C., which he described as a completely different place due to enhanced security. He is a professor at the University of Maryland, where he heads the graduate program for creative writing.

Some of the campus' own creative writers have been studying Plumly's poems in their classes. Prior to the poetry reading, they had the opportunity to discuss poetry with him in one of Dr. Swerdlow's classes. Many students arrived at the poetry reading with a copy of Plumly's book, *Now That My Father Lies Down Beside Me*, tucked under their coats. Plumly was delighted to sign these books. In fact, interested students can still purchase a copy of this book and others at the book store.

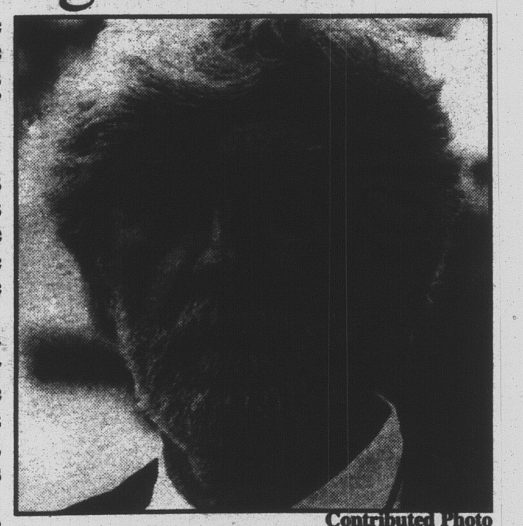
During the reading, several people were touched by Plumly's lyrical mastery and stunning depth of image. Junior English major Ann-Marie Vazzano said, "I thought it was wonderful. I feel inspired to read Keats now!" In addition to Keats, Plumly reintroduced the audience to several other famous poets including Ezra Pound, Wallace Stevens and T. S. Elliot by incorporating them into the stories and thoughts of his poems.

With several poems, Plumly provided behind-the-poem information. As he is very well-travelled, Plumly brought fragments of interesting information from all over the world. By adding his own personal touch, he made these stories memorable. "I was moved by Plumly's recollections of travel," said Brian Sullivan, prose editor of *Scrawl*, "It was an excellent reading."

One special poem was about the events of Sept. 11. Although Plumly rarely writes topic poems, this one had to be written. He was in Italy on this day, and receiving the news overseas had a profound effect on the poet.

Nobody in the chapel on Tuesday, however, will forget the profound effect Plumly had on his audience. Those in attendance will never again be able to read one of his poems without hearing the perfect notes, gentle ring and graceful crescendos of his voice.

"It was wonderful in the midst of all the tragedy," said Doc McTaggart, "to hear something eternally beautiful."



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Stanley Plumly

Crossword 101

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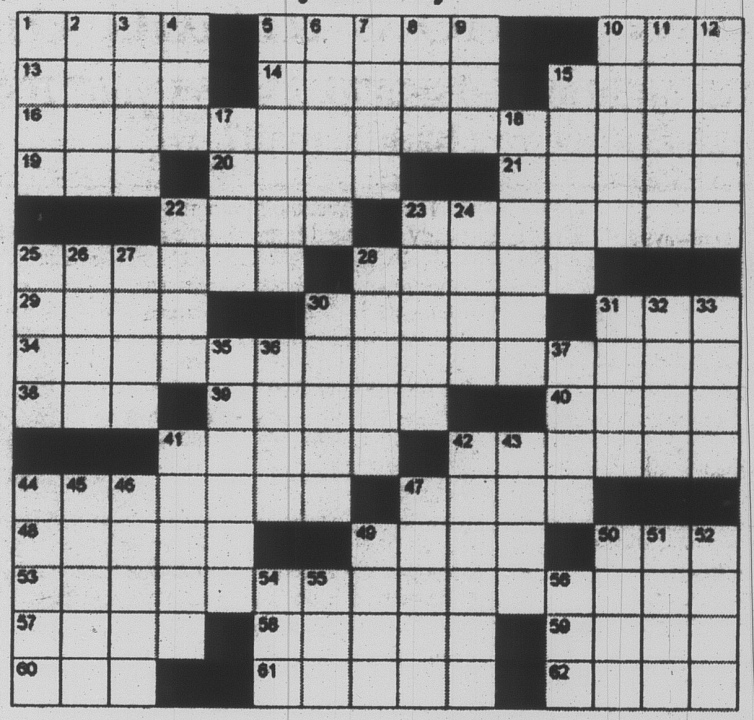
By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

Don't throw away the old bucket until you know whether the new one holds water.

• *Swedish Proverb*

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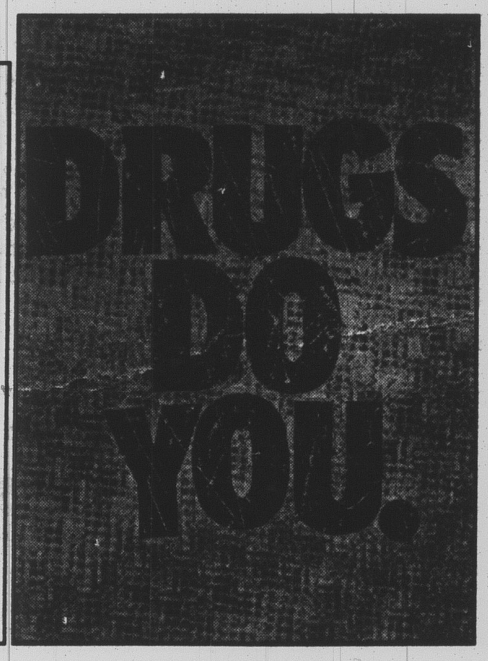


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
An unusual opportunity may present itself. Loving thoughts will be expressed to you, and these remarks may not be just passing pleasantry, but an invitation for something deeper.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)
If you are feeling tied down by a relationship, it may be time to declare your independence. Make your break in a quiet, but firm manner. Check and recheck your money resources, and be sure you are doing something to create future security.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)
There are many possibilities in store for you this week. This attitude will fill you with optimism and high energy. Those around you may be turned off by your manner; remember you cannot convince everyone to feel the way you do.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)
If you are feeling a bit crowded, it is important to speak up and take time and space for yourself, even if only temporarily. You may receive news about money, the information will not be as positive as you'd like.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)
You are finding yourself in a rut this week, and it will take a bit of effort to get out of it. Try something new. You need time to play. It may be best to get to the bottom of some emotional upheaval before proceeding.

VIRGO: (August 24-September 23)
This week feels like a new lease on life. Do something to get your blood pumping. You and your mate may experience greater attraction for each other if you put a little distance between yourselves.

LIBRA: (September 24-October 23)
An emotional upset may leave you feeling sorry for yourself, but things are not as bad as they seem. Give it all a second chance. Find a way to give away items that have lost their usefulness.

SCORPIO: (October 24-November 22)
You are definitely in a good mood. Just be careful what you wish for ... you just may get it. Treat yourself to a luxury you seldom consider. Have patience concerning a current project.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23-December 21)
An organized approach will get the job done. Money may come from an unexpected source to help you realize your goals. Your lover needs attention now.

CAPRICORN: (December 22-January 20)
It may be hard to maintain your optimism—there isn't anything wrong, you are just in a dark, brooding mood. Your health, both physical and mental may be affected by stress either at home or at work.

AQUARIUS: (January 21-February 19)
A generous financial gift may materialize and remove a great deal of worrying. Now you can really go after what's important, and a creative endeavor is at the top of your list.

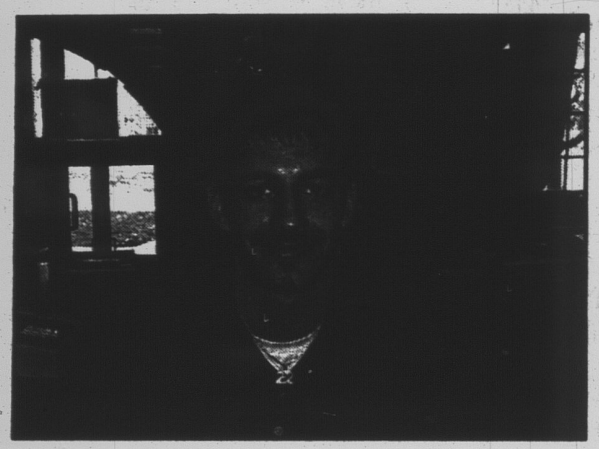
PISCES: (February 20-March 20)
If something has been lost, you are likely to find it. Don't allow your pride to stand in the way of asking forgiveness of someone you may have wronged.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Attractive and keenly articulate, you are always at your best in front of people. Very few people can resist you, and very few try. Talking too much is an admitted problem, and you may have alienated a friend or lover with your words. Try to make amends.

FEATURE

Question of the week: Who's afraid of anthrax?

Do the recent bio-terrorist threats such as anthrax and smallpox worry you? If so, why? Are you taking any precautions, like washing your hands after you handle mail?



"Anthrax doesn't bother me because even if we stop anthrax in general, then the terrorists will find another small disease to bother us. But smallpox, on the other hand, is one thing I really worry about, because it had the potential to wipe out countries as a whole. If it happens to me, it happens. It's not something I'll stress over, but it is in the back of my mind." – **Josh McGaffic, freshman**

"Yes, I'm worried about it, but I try not to think about it. I don't really worry with my personal mail or anything." – **Jessica Thornton, sophomore**

"No, not worried." – **Molly Spinney, associate professor**

"Yes, because if they put it (anthrax) in some mass mailing, like a bill, we will open it without a second thought." – **Sarah Lohr, senior**

"I believe it is a concern and real threat, however, there is not much I can do from preventing infection. I'll put the burden on the good people at the Westminster mailroom such as Matt, Jody and Jami." – **Greg Robinson, senior**

"Can anybody say Y2K? I'm still using the toilet paper and baked beans that I stocked up for that scare." – **Amy Balderach, senior**

"In Cow Town, USA, you wouldn't think anthrax to be a major scare, I mean, the mail is probably still delivered by horse and buggy – we don't even have enough technology for caller ID."– **Sarah Anzelmo, senior**

"I think the threats are real and their source needs to be uncovered, but I'm not changing my routines at this point." – **Dave Eberle, freshman**

"I'm not worried at all. Since the attacks seem so random, there's no sense in altering my lifestyle. If anthrax is in my mail, I'm going to get it no matter what, since the TUB is so close to the mailroom."– **Christopher Madjesky, sophomore**

"No. I can't imagine anyone wanting to send smallpox or anthrax to a place like this, and if they do, washing hands won't do much, so I'm just ignoring it." – **Wade Edwards, sophomore**

The value of our addictions: nasty habits or stress relief?

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

Whether it is a TV show or video game, everyone has an addiction … and our campus is not immune. Some people claim addictions to unhealthy things like smoking. Others may have an expensive addiction like shopping. But are all addictions really unhealthy?

If you are anything like me, stress is like the cottage cheese option – it's always there, but no one really wants it. We are barraged with papers, tests, meetings, need I go on? Right now, for instance, most seniors are working on completing their senior theses and have a due date just around the corner. In lieu of the stress factor, then, addictions do have some redeeming values.

For instance, I am addicted to the TV show "CSI." On Thursday evenings, for one hour, I am stress-free. That hour rejuvenates my brain so I can begin working more efficiently.

Other students I know have addictions to the computer game "Snood." While it may not be the most intelligent addiction to have, at least it removes you, for a little while, from dangerously high stress levels. In doing so, you are resting your brain.

Coffee is another common addiction. Those of you who have morning classes know what I'm talking about. A lot of students began drinking coffee to keep themselves awake in order to do more work which in turn upped the stress level. However, I love my cup of coffee in the morning. In fact, it may be one of my favorite times of the day. Although coffee is not exactly a healthy choice, it has the power to relieve some stress. So I will continue to drink coffee every morning, at least until I graduate.

Drinking addictions are bad, there is no disputing that. But what is the matter with going to the bar for a couple of hours and having a few beers? As long as you don't end up at the end of the night with a lamp shade on your head, I think a night out with friends every now and again is a great way to reduce stress, just as long as it doesn't turn into an addiction.

Smoking is another unhealthy, yet according to some, redeeming addiction. I say redeeming because I have some friends who believe their smoking habits provide an excuse for a study break. Sometimes stepping away from work for a few minutes is a great way to relax your mind. Although the smokers I know wish they had never started, they do think it reduces their stress levels. So if you do smoke, at least there is something redeeming about your addiction.

While trying to place redeeming value on student addictions, some of you may want to know how to reduce stress without acquiring an addiction. Good ways to do so according to ActiveKarma.com is to sleep. The web site claims that "you are no machine" and "quality [sleep] is better than quantity [sleep]. Failure to get a good night's sleep will leave you tired in the morning, bad tempered, slow to respond, and unable to concentrate. All these are classic symptoms of stress."

So if you are feeling stressed out, reevaluate your addictions – maybe they are helping you reduce your stress levels. If not, remember to get a good night's rest or try to find a way to remove yourself, if for just an hour or two, from whatever it is that is stressing you out.

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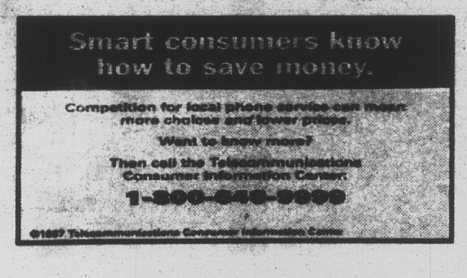
out from Oct. 2 on due to a bad knee.

"These injuries aren't excuses for our losses, but just realities of the sport," Haas said.

Another reality the Titans will have to face is the loss of one of their top doubles teams, seniors Haines and Rowland. The pair ended up 6-5 in doubles at the end of their last season.

"I was very pleased with the team this year. We had three freshmen that got a lot of quality playing time. We had a lot of depth this year," Haas said.

She thinks that depth will continue into next season. "We have three seniors next year," she said, referring to Muir, Molly Householder and Suzanne Leyden, "We're going to have a lot of depth."



Senior Desiree Henry honored in modeling competition

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Desiree Henry

By Debbie Pisor
STAFF WRITER

Since high school, senior Desiree Henry dreamed of becoming an actress. In fact, Desiree says her overall dream is to be on the "Guiding Light," but she'd like to start with commercials first.

Step one of making her dream come true began when she auditioned in Pittsburgh to compete in the American Modeling and Talent Convention. She was one of 24 finalists chosen by Applause International of Cleveland, and one of 17 who traveled to Orlando for six days last summer. There were many different areas of competition, and those competing included models, dancers, singers, actors and actresses.

Once there, she qualified to audition in five areas: TV commercials, spokesperson, open monologue for acting, sitcom and photography. She also attended two or three acting and modeling seminars each day. There were 73 agents present from places such as Tokyo, Paris, Florida and California.

Desiree describes the experience as "really overwhelming, really exciting—with agents everywhere. You knew they were watching, but you never knew when or who." Everyone stayed in the same resort, and the 775 competitors wore numbers all the time. The agents were not marked.

The agents found what they were looking for in Desiree. She received third place awards in the spokesperson, open monologue for acting and photography competitions. Her triumph was the TV commercial competition for which she won first place using a Honeycomb commercial audition. She received the overall award in this category, which included a monetary prize plus the opportunity to attend another competition in the future for free.

On the last day in Orlando, Desiree had six callbacks from agents. Three were from New York, two from California, and one from Atlanta. She was offered the opportunity to move to New York and begin her career now, but has decided to finish school first. Desiree is majoring in broadcast communications and minoring in theatre. Her participation in cross country played an important role in that decision.

She has made some special friends and shared a trip with her traveling partner, her grandmother.

Desiree advises other young women considering such competitions to, "Do it. I was nervous at first, I had to pay and it was expensive, but I definitely recommend it. Talent agents find their talent at conventions and showcases."

Student firefighter also serves on school board

By Chelsea Marti
STAFF WRITER

Receiving a page to hurry to the scene of a fire is not a usual event in the daily life of most college juniors.

Marshall Campbell is a busy college student. In addition to working toward his bachelor's in business administration, he is a volunteer firefighter. Campbell, a graduate of West Middlesex high school, has been working as a volunteer firefighter for four years. He is also on the West Middlesex School Board, taking on a four-year public elected position. Campbell also works at Shenango Steel Buildings in West Middlesex where he works in production and is also the maintenance director. On campus, Campbell is brother at Theta Chi.

Although he does not plan to pursue a career in firefighting, Campbell would like to continue to volunteer. He plans to use his liberal arts education to pursue a career in business. It was not difficult for him to choose Westminster.

"Westminster College has been a family tradition," Campbell said. "My father, brother, and two uncles all graduated from Westminster. I also believe that Westminster offers the best education of any small college."

Campbell was encouraged to work as a volunteer firefighter by a friend, whom had previously joined the fire department and later gone on to become an EMT and receive his paramedic license.

"The training I have received has been from veteran firefighters in my department. They have years of experience and have seen many types of emergencies, so they know what to do and when to do it," Campbell said.

Each new emergency Campbell responds to proves to be another learning experience. In addition to training he received from the veteran firefighters, he also participates in scheduled training nights during which department officers and outside professionals help train the volunteers concerning specific scenarios.

Campbell must carry a pager at all times. Mercer County 911 activates it. The pager does not work in New Wilmington, so Campbell cannot be interrupted while in class. He has had to be late to class a few times due to calls that take longer than expected, but most professors understand, Campbell said.

By agreeing to accept the position on the school board, Campbell committed himself to many activities. He considers all the responsibility worthwhile.

"I thought the students as well as the taxpayers would benefit from someone being on the board who had just gone through the school system K-12," he said.

Campbell lives in West Middlesex and is only a seven-minute drive from campus. With the spare time he does have, Campbell likes to hang out with friends, both from home and from his fraternity.

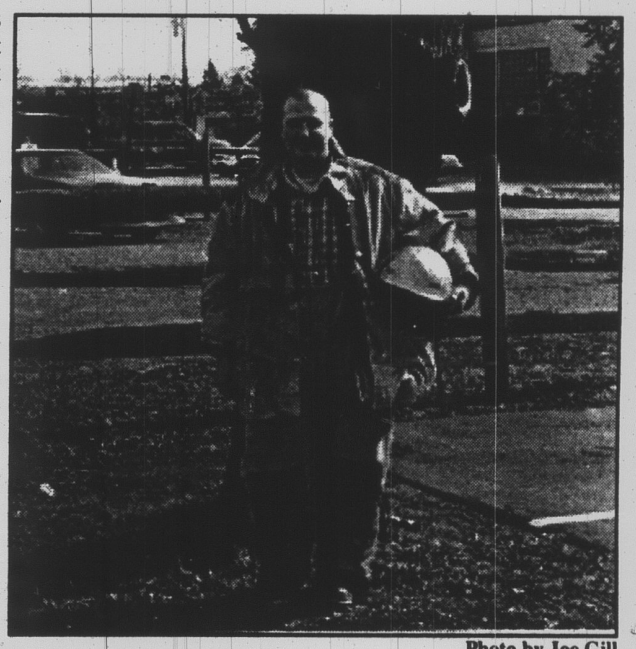

Photo by Joe Gill
Marshall Campbell participates in many on and off-campus activities.

SGA breaks up into committees for campus improvement

By Christina Contes
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Team projects were the focus of this week's SGA meeting. The projects were assigned to four groups of about 12 people each. These groups will work to better the college next year.

The senators on Team A are trying to get picnic tables, benches or swings by the lake and/or outside of Galbreath Hall.

Team B is coming up with events and activities to celebrate the sesquicentennial. Before the next meeting, the group will make a list of ideas. They will also find ways to include alumni in the festivities.

Team C is looking into SGA and college T-shirts or sweatshirts so senators will be more visible on campus. The team has also looked into having an SGA table with hot chocolate.

Team D is trying to improve the Fitness Center. The group is checking prices for different pieces of equipment.

The senators voted on whether or not to allocate money to Zeta Tau Alpha for its "Shoot for a Cure" charity fundraiser. The SGA allocated $435 to help pay for food and T-shirts. One concern that senators expressed is that by giving money to ZTA, SGA has encouraged all fraternities and sororities to ask for money for their philanthropies.

Although anyone can ask for allocations, senators decide which organizations are deserving.

At the Food Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 30, one of the main topics was the "Caring Cans" philanthropy. Sodexho Marriot may be working with SGA on this philanthropy effort.

Another topic at the meeting was the Thanksgiving Dinner. A buffet will be available for most students, but nine students, along with their escorts, will board the "Mayflower." The Mayflower will be a large trailer decorated as a ship. The dinner will be hosted by President R. Thomas Williamson and Mrs. Williamson.

Finally, the Food Advisory Committee discussed the new information center. It is located in the front of the cafeteria. There is also a comment board; students are encouraged to use it. Jeff Creveling has also posted Weekly Menus.

We will soon be hiring staff for the 2002-2003 school year. Look in the paper for more information or contact a staff member.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY has formed teams to rake leaves in the community as part of their fundraising. For more information, contact the Chapel Office at EXT. 7715.

THE SCRAWL is accepting short stories, essays, and poems. Send submissions to campus box 159.

CRAIG KARGES presents a fantastic display of illusion, the paranormal and the extraordinary phenomena using total audience participation Saturday, Nov. 3, in the Down Under at 8 p.m.

"GREASE," presented by the West Middlesex High School Music Department, is scheduled Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 8-10, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

THE NESHANNOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 330 W. Neshannock Ave., is sponsoring a "Chicken 'n Biscuit" dinner Saturday, Nov. 10, from 4:30-7 p.m. Proceeds will go to the youth group for its summer mission trip. Cost is $6.50 for adults and $4 for children under 12.

"PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S IDEAS ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: LESSONS FROM INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS," with Dr. Karen Diamond of Purdue University is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in Phillips Lecture Hall.

THE NEW WILMINGTON ROTARY is holding a Thanksgiving Fruit Basket Sale. Cost of the baskets is $20, and they will be delivered Nov. 20 or 21. For more information, contact Kent Carter at EXT.7164.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Historical and Museum Commission has summer internship opportunities. These paid positions are offered in history, American studies, archaeology, anthropology, architecture, fine and graphic arts, art history, English, education, communications, business, historic preservation and computer science. For more information, contact Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338 or visit http://www.phmc.state.pa.us before the deadline, Dec. 14.

THE SALVATION ARMY has a Christmas volunteer program known as the "Christmas Kettle Challenge." Individuals may volunteer for a time slot of two to 12 hours at a designated site or an organization may adopt a kettle. For more information or a list of kettle sites, call the Development Associate Carey Scheide at (412) 394-4801 or log on to the website http://www.wepsa.org.

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE CENTER, located 20 miles east of Asheville, N.C., has a variety of different jobs available for the summer. These paid positions can also be used as a summer internship. For more information, e-mail Ele Ellis at montreatrecruiter@juno.com.

CEDAR POINT is searching for approximately 100 talented entertainers for the 2002 season. There are a variety of paid positions with varying rates. For more information, contact the Live Entertainment Office at (419) 627-2390.

THE DOW JONES NEWSPAPER FUND sponsors a summer Business Reporting Internship Program. This program acquaints students with the challenges and excitement of reporting on business for new organizations. After an intensive one-week training course on the campus of New York University, students spend 10 weeks as salaried reporters for daily newspapers or news services. The fund provides transportation, as well as room and board during the training course. Successful interns who return to school the following fall will receive a $1,000 college scholarship. Living arrangements during the internship are the intern's responsibility. Check the Career Center for a sample application. For more information, call (609) 452-2820 or e-mail newsfund@wsj.dowjones.com before the Nov. 1 deadline.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRIES, which reaches into the Native American communities of Washington State and Western Canada with the good news of Jesus Christ, has summer mission opportunities. After training, college students are sent into a seven-week cross-cultural experience that has changed lives. For more information, contact Ron Hartwig at (604) 946-1227, or email office@naim.ca or visit the website http://www.naim.ca.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE offers temporary jobs for students. Employment can range from summer jobs to positions that can last for as long as you are a student. Students may be eligible for permanent employment under this component after successfully completing your education and meeting work requirements. For more information, contact Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338.

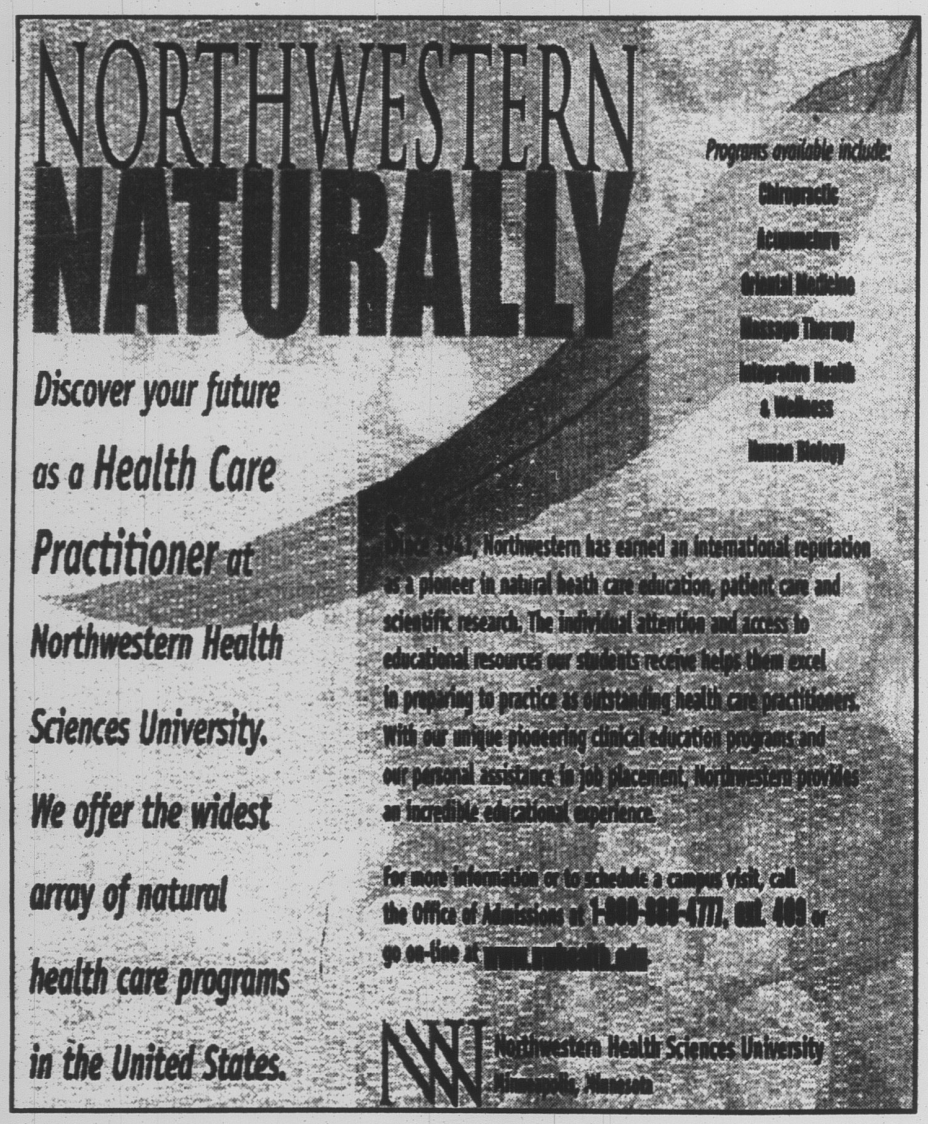
STARBOUND ENTERTAINMENT, a local company, is looking for workers for national events. Training is provided to work with giant balloons. Workers are needed for the following dates: Nov. 16-18, Nov. 21-25, and Dec. 1-3. For more information contact Toni McKay at (724) 658-1408.

NEW CASTLE UNITED WAY is looking for someone to start up one Boy Scout and one Cub Scout troop, with about five boys in each troop. Meetings will be held in St. Luke's Church, New Castle. This position pays $150 per month and lasts for three months. The boys have already attended the National Jamboree, and are enthusiastic about starting a troop. For more information, contact Martin Turner at (724) 658-8528.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS of New Castle is looking for a public relations/business intern to serve Dec. or Jan. through March. For more information, contact Suzie Mrozek at (724) 657-3680.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY is looking for a public relations/business intern. This $7 per hour intern will write for airport publications, press releases, website and other communications, as well as assist with community relations projects and events. A minimum 3.0 quality point average is required. For more information, check the website http://www.pitairport.com/thml/frameNet.html.

WESTERN PA. JOB EXPO is scheduled Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Monroeville Expo Mart. Over 100 employers will be there. Pre-register with the Career Center by Oct. 31. There is a $5 registration fee.



If you are planning to live off campus next year, You must attend the

Off Campus Lottery
Tuesday, November 13, 2001
Russell Dining Hall
9:00pm

If you should have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Affairs at ext. 7110

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 2
Board of Trustees Meeting/Retreat—Nemacolin Woodlands
RSVP Conference
11:40 a.m. Chapel
6:00 p.m. Swimming: Westminster Relay Carnival (H)
7:00 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Fall Date Party—Chestnut Street Café
7:30 p.m. Movie: *Roger and Me* (Inquiry Film)—Down Under
10:00 p.m. Movie: *Educating Rita* (Inquiry Film)—Down Under

SATURDAY 3
Board of Trustees Meeting/Retreat—Nemacolin Woodlands
RSVP Conference
7:00 p.m. Mass—Chapel
7:30 p.m. Honors Chorus Concert—Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents: Craig Karges (mentalist)—Down Under

SUNDAY 4
RSVP Conference
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting—House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting—HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie: *Swordfish*—Down Under

MONDAY 5
REGISTRATION
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship—Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting—Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta—Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta—PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu—PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa—PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha—Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting—HSC
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting—Down Under

TUESDAY 6
REGISTRATION
ELECTION DAY
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship—Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting—PH112
6:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal—Down Under
6:30 p.m. Circle K Meeting—PH 231
7:00 p.m. Orchestra—Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. RACT Meeting—PH 112/113
9:45 p.m. Mortar Board Meeting—PH 231

WEDNESDAY 7
REGISTRATION
LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW (if approved, $15 Fee, upperclass and transfer students only)
DROP ONE CLASS ONLY ($15 Fee, first year-students only)
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Jim Cherney, "Crip Power: Constructing Identity Through Disability Studies"
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting—Phillips Lecture Hall
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship—Down Under
7:30 p.m. Phi Mu Open House—Ferguson Hall Lobby

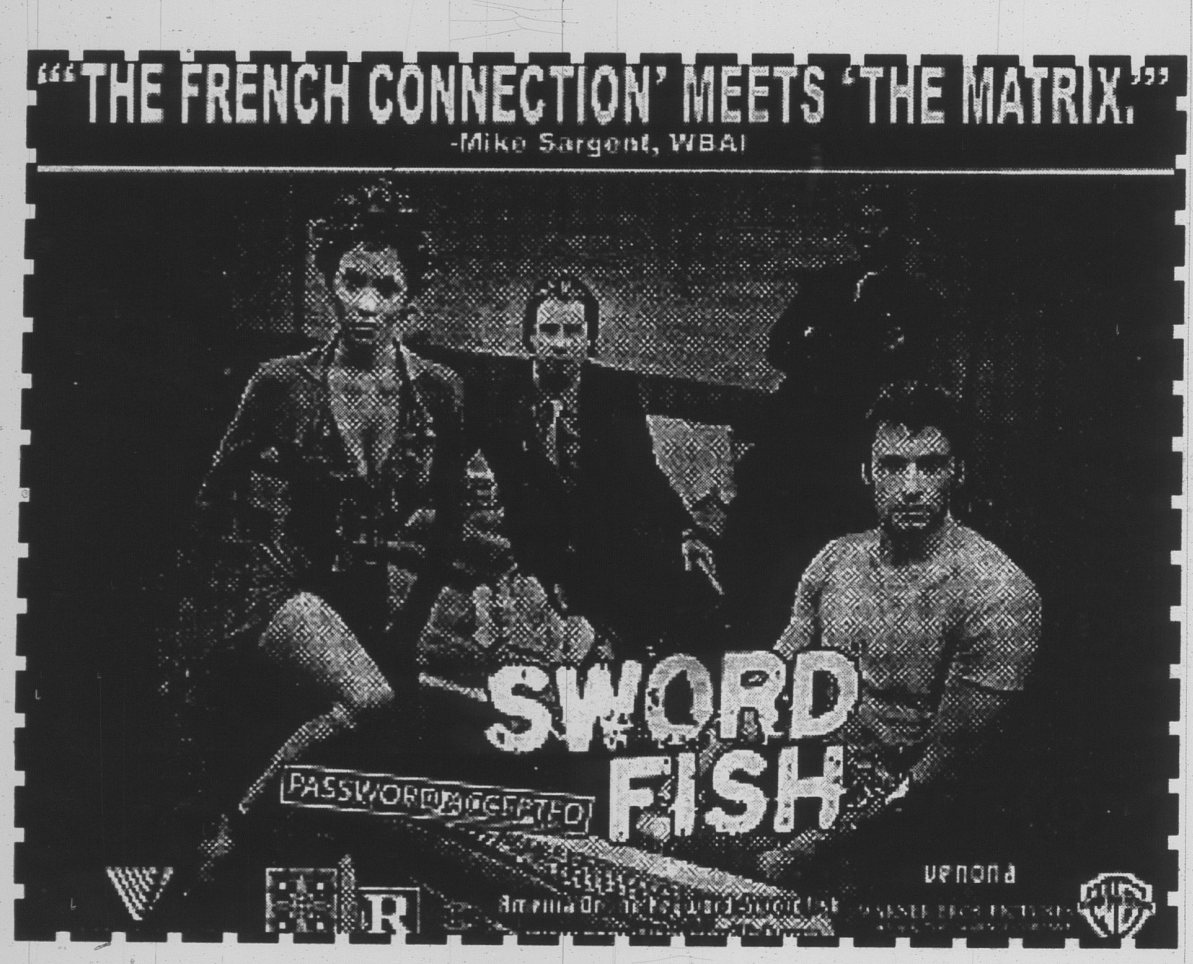
THURSDAY 8
REGISTRATION
9:30 a.m. CCO Staff Meeting—Down Under
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting—TC 314
5:30 p.m. Internship Night for Sociology—Down Under
6:30 p.m. Preschool Workshop: "Discipline Strategies for Young Children"—Hoyt 152
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: The Crucible—Beeghly Theater
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice—Chapel
9:00 p.m. Star Gazing—meet in Hoyt Science Center Lobby (weather permitting)
9:15 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal—Down Under
Kappa Delta Open House

Donate books to the Mortar Board Bookdrive!

Boxes are located in The Old Main Tower Room and the library.

Proceeds benefit the New Castle City Rescue Mission.

At the Down Under



Nov. 4 - Sunday

9:00 p.m.
Movie:

Swordfish

(not an Inquiry Movie)
As always free popcorn, soda and cappuccino

Nov. 2 - Friday

7:30 p.m.
Movie:

Roger and Me

10:00 p.m.
Movie:

October Sky

Friday Night Movies
Are Inquiry Movies

Upcoming Events
Fall '01

November 10 : Comic - Tim Young

November 16 & 17: - Inquiry Movie Weekend III

November 30 & December 1: Inquiry Movie Weekend IV

Nov. 3
Saturday
8 p.m.
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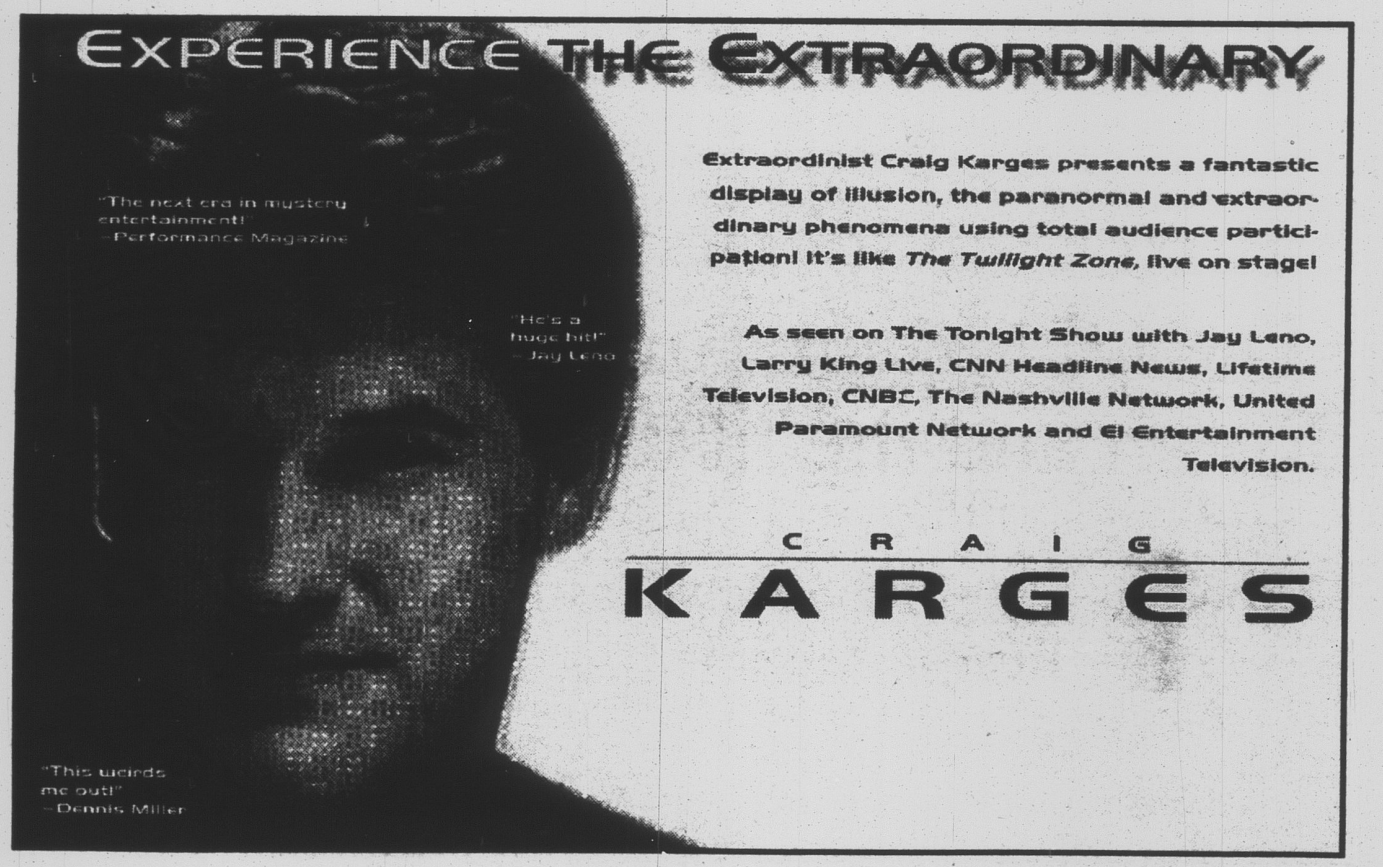

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Two month anniversary of Sept. 11

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Sunday marks the two-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. Two months ago, the people of our nation were feeling a range of emotions. First disbelief, followed by fear, then grief, and for some, anger. Our country spent the next week without sports, many businesses, and the confident swagger that made it a prospering superpower.

Now, two months later, most of those things are back. The heinous attacks have brought the people of our nation together. They taught us to not take our public servants or our freedom for granted. And they produced two heroes that the country desperately needed: Mayor Rudy Giuliani in New York and President George W. Bush in the White House.

Even with these heroes and an apparent return to normalcy, many questions still remain. Bush informed the nation that the retaliatory action against those responsible for the attacks would be an extensive process. After four weeks of U.S. and Great Britain air strikes in Afghanistan, with few publicized results and Osama Bin Laden still at large, many Americans are questioning their effectiveness. Added to the issue is the fact that the military is not sharing all its information with the media, which sparks the debate: how much information should the defense department make public?

Most frightening is the uncertainty of another terrorist attack on the United States. Bin Laden said in a taped message that the people of the United States should not feel safe until their military leaves the land of Mohammed, and Attorney General John Ashcroft warned Americans of the possibility of attacks over the next few weeks.

Security has been increased in almost every aspect of American life, from airports to stadiums to shopping malls. We have also been exposed to a new type of horror, biological warfare. Most of us never imagined our mail could kill us.

Two months after the attacks, we are still unsure about our safety. Junior Ericka Peterson said she is feeling uneasy about traveling to California for a national neuroscience conference next week. Last week, the defense department announced that four major bridges in California were possible terrorist targets.

"It's a little unnerving," Peterson said. "I can't help but think about air safety, and the potential for an attack in California. Thousands of scientists gathered in one area could look very appealing to terrorists."

Bush asked the American people to have patience in fighting the war on terrorism, because it is not a war that can or will be won quickly. Two months after the attacks, one thing remains the same. The only thing we know is that we don't know.

To understand future events, the best place to start looking is the past. The following is a condensed timeline briefly describing the world events of the past two months:

Sept. 11, 2001: Four hijacked airliners crash in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania, resulting in 6,000 deaths. In the

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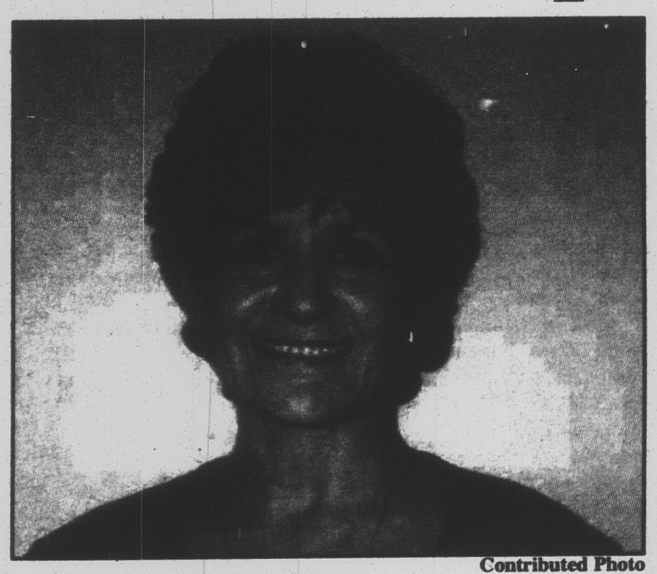
Linda Volpe retires after 15 years



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Linda Volpe

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

Linda Volpe and her family have a strong connection to the college. Even though she is leaving her position, her 15 years on campus will not be easily forgotten.

"Westminster has done a lot for me, it's really been supportive and helped me learn who I really am," Volpe said.

Volpe was assistant to the dean and director of off-campus study. No one is being hired to replace her position directly. Instead, her duties are being delegated to other faculty and staff members.

Dr. Frederick Horn will now be advising off-campus students who are considering study abroad. A full-time secretary has been hired to help with some of the responsibilities.

Off-campus advising was not a time-consuming part of Volpe's job , but was a nice change of pace for her. "Advising students who were thinking about studying abroad was one of the most enjoyable things I did," Volpe said.

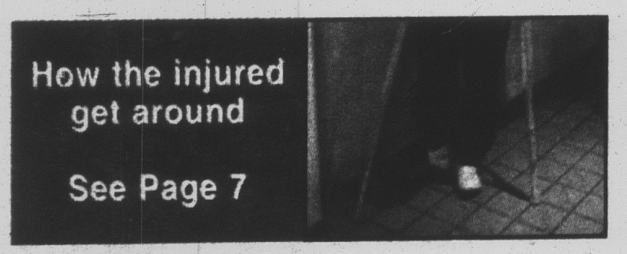
Volpe first started here in October of 1986 as an academic secretary. She then began work on her bachelor's in English and graduated summa cum laude. In 1993, Volpe was promoted to executive secretary to the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. During this time, Volpe was also working on her master's in education with a concentration in English. "The knowledge rubbed off on me, made me want to learn," Volpe said. After earning her master's in 1997, she was promoted to assistant to the dean.

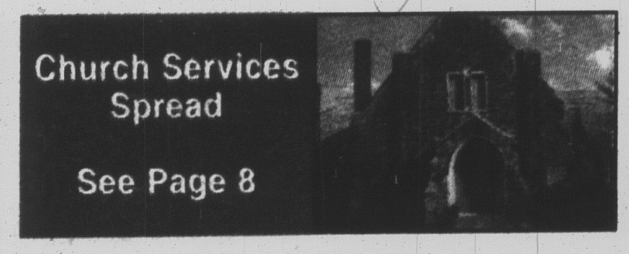
Volpe's three children, Jerry, Leigh-Ann and Jan-Lynn all graduated from the college with degrees in accounting, elementary education and business administration respectively.

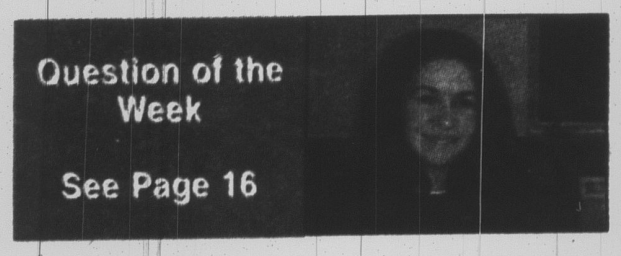
Volpe is leaving her position to help care for Leigh-Ann's new baby, Antonia. She still plans to teach writing classes at PSU Shenango in the evenings.

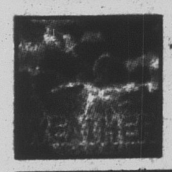
Volpe's friends and acquaintances said she is irreplaceable. "It just won't be the same, we will miss her very, very much," Gabriella Budai, executive secretary said. "It's hard to say goodbye, but I know I will see her again, we've become good friends," Budai said.

Volpe has some advice for students. "You should really make the most out of your time here, there are so many opportunities" she said.









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CAMPUS NEWS

Leadership Alliance in first year as college program

By Bridgette Kennedy
STAFF WRITER

The Leadership Alliance is in its first year as a program at the college. Its purpose is to give students insight into successful leadership while giving them the opportunity to use resources.

The Leadership Alliance originated from the Academic Alliance that began here in 1995. Westminster is one of five schools that participates in the Leadership Alliance, which also includes Lake Erie College, Thiel College, Walsh University and Youngstown State University.

The faculty representatives of this organization are President R. Thomas Williamson, Dean Neal Edman and Assistant Dean Molly Burnett.

Each institution hosts one program this year. Our campus had the first workshop in which the students experienced Titan Traverse on Sept. 28. This taught the concept of individual roles in group objectives.

Other workshops teach similar themes. Thiel College's workshop developed a personal definition of leadership. Lake Erie College will focus on solutions for leadership problems. Walsh University challenges students to lead groups with diversity, and Youngstown State University will host the final program, which is the capstone workshop.

The workshops are held throughout the year with the same participating students. The campus has five students who are members of the Leadership Alliance. They are seniors Anne Poland and Sarah Huffman, junior Brian Zarecky, sophomore Danielle Zielinski and freshman Brooke Arens.

Selection was initially based on those who expressed an interest. Once the names had been received by Student Affairs, they were separated by academic class, and then students were randomly selected. The selection process may change as the program develops.

Poland became interested in the Leadership Alliance and decided to take advantage of the workshops. "I have several leadership positions on campus, and I wanted to network with other students and learn from their experiences to see if I could apply their ideas," Poland said.

The Leadership Alliance workshops have allowed students to share concepts and successful ideas while sharing and growing from experiences.

Zarecky said he has gained knowledge from the workshops. "I like seeing other schools' points of view and the way they deal with issues," he said.

Edman said the program is beneficial as the "leadership skills are crucial, and it is important to network with other students and administrators."

Fellowship of Christian Athletes active on campus

By Andrea Majot
STAFF WRITER

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a national organization that relates athletics and Christianity, ministers to over 500,000 American students.

The FCA sponsors camps and "huddles," groups that promote fellowship, growth and outreach. A huddle is composed of any number of sports enthusiasts and coaches who are interested in growing spiritually.

Senior Kurt Rotthoff, president of the campus huddle, emphasizes that students need not be athletes, but simply need to enjoy sports to join. "This group is for anyone who shows interest in God and plays sports," Rotthoff said.

Tom Rapchak, the area representative who supervises huddles in Lawrence, Mercer and Butler counties, said he is impressed with the FCA group on campus. He cites student involvement as the main ingredient of a successful huddle. "Student leadership is key," he said.

Ron Galbreath, co-adviser of the group, has been a supporter of the FCA for many years. "The most rewarding part of this is to see the students grow spiritually, to have them see the connection between athletics and their Christian life."

Brad Tokar, co-adviser, said he is proud of the huddle and its achievements. "I think our group is doing very well this year ... There have been a lot of good things happening on campus this year and FCA is one of them."

College Chaplain Steve Allen has also been involved with the FCA for a long time. "I have coached wrestling and been a part of FCA for the past 15 years and I find that FCA meetings are great way to grow in your faith and hear about how to apply your faith to daily life," he stated.

Meetings are held at 9 p.m. on Mondays in the Down Under. Most meetings involve speakers who relate Christian life and athletics. There is also time for prayer and devotionals before and after speakers. This week, Colorado Rockies coach Rich Donnelly spoke.

"We address how faith has helped sports performance and how sports makes you a role model in your community," Allen stated. "We have coaches and athletes speak and we have discussions about faith and life using the lessons that we learn from playing and watching sports."

According the FCA website, www.fca.org, the organization is more than 46 years old. It became an official organization on campus in 1969. It now has 20-40 members who attend meetings.

In addition to meetings, the huddle does community service. A food drive for the New Wilmington community is being planned for next semester. No official dates have been set.

Job Fair at ExpoMart sends students toward their futures

By David Field
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 7, many students headed south to Monroeville for the 2001 Job Expo at the ExpoMart of Pittsburgh. This job fair, held from 2-6:30 pm, required a $5 fee for admittance.

There were over one hundred employers in attendance, ranging from the FBI to the UPS to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all of them offering internships and full-time employment opportunities.

Thirty WestPACS colleges and universities and seven western Pennsylvania community colleges invited their students to attend the fair.

Jackie Meade, director of the Career Center, said the Job Expo had a great turnout and that she was very pleased with the amount of enthusiasm.

"The Job Expo was an overwhelming success. These events help members of the community as well as students from the participating colleges allowing them direct contact with companies in their major," Meade said.

Meade, was not the only one impressed with the event. Jerry Wessel, recruitment manager for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, said that this was a great chance for him and the company to get out and meet people.

"I will walk home tonight with over 400 resumes, all of which I will be eager to look through. Definitely a great recruitment plan," Wessel said. "This fair is a great opportunity for the businesses and students to start a friendship and possible work contact."

Senior Allison McCormick and Senior Gwendolyn Safran, both business majors, said they really enjoyed the night.

"We got invited to go back tomorrow to the North Hills for personality tests to work for American Express," McCormick said.

Not all were as pleased with the Job Expo, however. Senior Jenny Cano, a molecular biology major, shares her view.

"I am really pleased that I came down to the Job Expo, I made a lot of contacts and this was a great experience. However, I was a bit irritated that some of the companies left before the 6:30 p.m. cutoff time," Cano said.

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following week, the United States blames bin Laden and a network of terrorists for the attacks. Several nations including Great Britain and Russia declare support for the United States.

Sept. 20, 2001: Bush addresses Congress about defeating terrorism and thousands of U.S. troops are deployed to undisclosed locations.

Sept. 28, 2001: The identities of the 19 hijackers are confirmed and revealed, and several dozen others are arrested in connection with the attacks.

Oct. 7, 2001: Bush addresses the nation to announce massive U.S./Great Britain air strikes on the Taliban and al-Qa'eda communication and radar systems, and airfields.

Oct. 10, 2001: Air strikes focus on Taliban targets in and near Kabul, Afghanistan's capital.

Oct. 16, 2001: Kabul suffers heavy damage as air strikes are intensified to employ over 100 planes. The threat of biological warfare on the United States is realized as members of the media and congressional aides are exposed to anthrax through the mail. In the following three weeks, anthrax causes several thousand people to receive vaccinations, kills two others, and closes the Supreme Court.

Oct. 25, 2001: Special ground forces invade Kandahar, the southern headquarters for the Taliban. The defense department announces that constant air strikes have left the town almost completely deserted. Air strikes begin to focus on the front lines of Taliban forces in the fields of Afghanistan, away from the cities.

Oct. 30, 2001: Ashcroft alerts the American people of possible attacks in the upcoming weeks.

Nov. 6, 2001: U.S. bombers drop two "daisy clutter" bombs on Taliban forces. The bombs are the largest, most powerful non-nuclear bombs used by the United States.

SGA discusses plans for sesquicentennial celebration in January

By Christina Contes
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The college will celebrate its sesquicentennial on Jan. 21, 2002. The location for the celebration is still undecided.

Abby Wessel, CPC chair, suggested some gift ideas for the celebration that include old-fashioned photos and picture snow globes. The sesquicentennial team is also considering inviting a guest speaker.

SGA offers special events and trips to the campus. The next trip will be to Pittsburgh to see *Les Misérables* at the Benedum Center on Saturday, Dec. 1. Tickets will be available at 7 p.m. on Thurday, Nov. 15 outside the dining hall. The cost per student is $14 and includes ticket and transportation. Students will not receive their tickets until they board the bus that day.

The Curriculum Development Committee met last week and finished the student questionnaires. The surveys will be in mailboxes before Thanksgiving break. The committee encourages students to fill them out. Faculty will also be receiving the questionnaires.

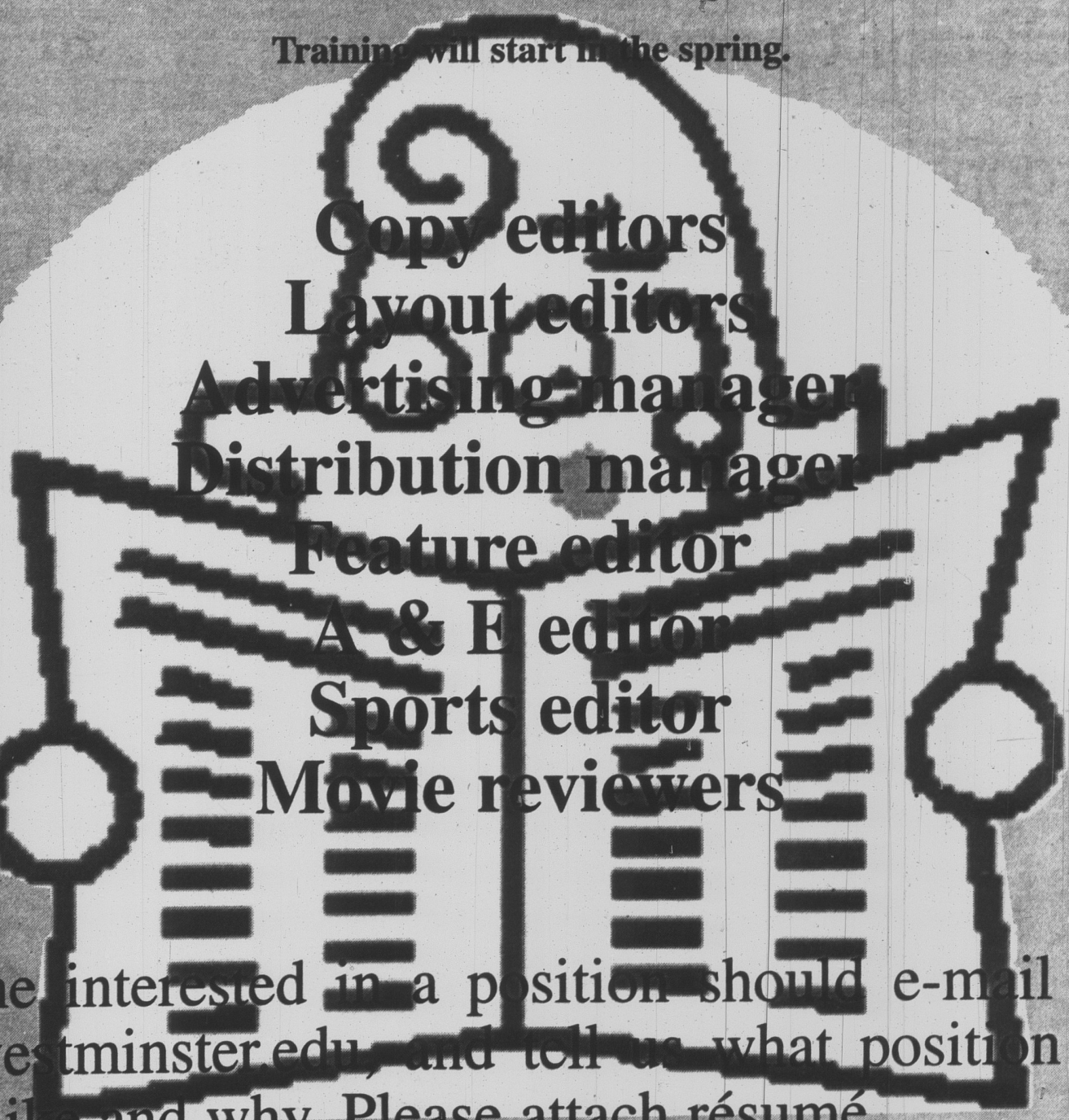
The faculty voted and decided that classes will not be held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The issue has yet to be voted on by the Board of Trustees.

The meeting ended with an update on the Campus Center improvements by Camille Hawthorne. She showed the floor plans for the new center, which will be called the Andrew J. McKelvey Campus Center. The projected completion date is December 2002-January 2003, however, it may not open until fall semester of 2003.

The SGA public relations chair will be sitting outside of the dining hall on Wednesday, Nov. 14 during lunch to obtain student feedback.

The Holcad is looking for staff for the 2002-2003 school year.

Training will start in the spring.



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Positions will be announced next semester.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Man arrested after posing as firefighter to get free food

By Charles Sheenan
AP WRITER

PITTSBURGH - Police in eight states are investigating a man accused of posing as a firefighter to get gifts, free meals, and a place as an honored guest at a pro football game.

Before Monday night's NFL game at Heinz Field, a ceremony honored emergency workers who responded after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Police say the fake firefighter watched the game from a prime spot on the sidelines.

Jerome Brandl, 34, was arrested the next day, allegedly driving a stolen car.

"This is a guy who took advantage of a bad situation and the brotherhood that exists between firefighters. And then he took it even further by taking advantage of private citizens," said police Detective Brian Celatka in Nashville, Tenn.

Police said Brandl allegedly stole a Mercedes-Benz last August that belonged to a member of the Wisconsin governor's cabinet.

Then, days after the terrorist attacks, Brandl showed up in Manhattan, telling firefighters at Engine Co. 39 he was a firefighter from Wisconsin and was there to help, authorities said.

Brandl stayed with a fire company in the city several days, doing odd jobs, before firefighters became suspicious and asked him to leave, said Dave Billig, a spokesman for the New York Fire Department.

"After he was gone, (the firefighters) found some of their gear missing," Billig said.

Early this month, Brandl arrived at a Tennessee fire station, telling firefighters he was trying to "clear his head" from all he had seen in New York, authorities said.

Firefighters took Brandl to a hotel, where he stayed three days for free. Then a woman who often helped firefighters took him in, police said.

On Monday, Brandl surfaced in Pittsburgh, where the NFL had a ceremony honoring emergency workers before the game between the Tennessee Titans and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

John Piatek, a police detective in Hermitage, near Pittsburgh, said Brandl introduced himself to a camera crew outside Heinz Field and was led into the game, where he watched from the sidelines.

Early Tuesday, Brandl was arrested near Pittsburgh after police saw the Mercedes at a gas station and checked the license plate.

In the car, authorities found a New York Fire Department parking permit, along with fire department sweaters. Also found were electronics equipment and other items reported stolen from several states, police said.

Brandl was being held Friday on $250,000 bail in Mercer County, about 60 miles north of Pittsburgh, charged with stealing the car. Prosecutors said they did not know if Brandl had an attorney. Jail officials said he was not available for interviews.

"There is probably going to be a waiting line for people to get their hands on this guy," said Hermitage Deputy Police Chief Larry Matchak.

State trooper found innocent of molesting stripper

GREENSBURG, Pa. - A Westmoreland County jury took five hours Friday to find a state trooper innocent of allegedly molesting a stripper while investigating a theft complaint two years ago.

The jury found Trooper John Dixon, 41, a 10-year veteran stationed in Greensburg, innocent of indecent assault, criminal trespass and official oppression.

"I am about speechless. ... We are just tired," Dixon said standing next to his wife outside the courtroom. "We are going to take it step by step now."

Dixon has been suspended without pay since his arrest in April last year. Prosecutors alleged that he fondled the now 23-year-old woman twice during visits to her Sewickly Township house in July 1999 under the guise of continuing a theft investigation.

The investigation was closed June 19, 1999, but the stripper claimed Dixon continued to see her until July 27 of that year. The woman claimed Dixon fondled her twice and once entered her home without being invited.

On Thursday, two women testified that the stripper lied about Dixon's actions because the trooper failed to get evidence against her husband in a custody battle.

"She said if the state trooper had arrested (her husband) for bad checks in Ohio, she wouldn't have made up the allegations she did and she'd have custody of her son," Susan Kimberly, a friend of the unidentified 23-year-old woman, testified Thursday.

Bad heroin possible cause of three deaths in Carnegie

CARNEGIE, Pa. - A batch of bad heroin or some other drug may be responsible for three deaths within 30 hours, the police chief said.

"We might have one drug overdose (death) every year. To have three in a 30-hour period is very atypical," Carnegie police Chief Jeffrey Harbin said Thursday.

The exact cause of the deaths--the first of which was reported Wednesday morning--won't be known until toxicology and other laboratory tests are completed.

Harbin consulted with Allegheny County police officials who are investigating the deaths and, afterward, decided to issue a public warning that a possibly deadly supply of heroin may be on the streets of the city outside Pittsburgh.

Autopsies on the first two victims were inconclusive and the autopsy on the third had not been completed. Allegheny County Coroner Cyril Wecht said there was no evidence of trauma on the first two victims and no preliminary indication the deaths were natural.

"It's highly likely that all three died from the same drug and most probably (the drug came from) the same source," Wecht said.

The body of Dale Kapezynski, 32, was found in a friend's home Wednesday morning. The same day, the body of 36-year-old Barbara Wilbert was found. On Thursday afternoon, police found the body of Ryan Woodley, 21, at an apartment.

Harbin said he would not give out specific details of the investigations but said there is evidence of heroin at all three scenes.

Warden arrested after prison guard pleads guilty to drug ring

GREENSBURG, Pa. - A former Westmoreland County Prison guard pleaded guilty to his role in a drug ring that resulted in several arrests and the firing of the warden.

Anthony D. Shawley, 36, pleaded guilty Thursday to various drug charges and counts of racketeering, bribery and obstructing justice. When he is sentenced Jan. 25, he could face mandatory minimum terms totaling five years in prison.

The state Attorney General's office has accused Shawley of smuggling drugs and other contraband to Ronald Whethers, a convicted drug dealer who was awaiting trial on a murder charge. Prosecutors said Whethers directed the ring's operations from inside the prison with a cell phone provided by Shawley.

Shawley was arrested June 22, when state police raided the prison after learning that Whethers was still able to sell drugs from his cell.

Citing security lapses, county officials fired warden Kurt Scalzott after a grand jury report was issued in the case. The county hired a private company to run the prison.

Crystal stemware manufacturer closing plant in Mount Pleasant

MOUNT PLEASANT, Pa. - Lenox Inc. will close its last crystal stemware manufacturing plant in the United States by the end of January 2002, the company announced Friday.

The company said last month it was considering closing the plant in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, because of falling sales of fine crystal stemware. Lenox crystal is used at White House dinners and in every American embassy.

The plant was built in 1970 as the first glass factory built in the nation devoted to hand-blown lead crystal.

The company employs 158 workers at the plant.

Lenox will continue to market crystal glassware and gift items under the same brand names by importing production from Europe, the company said.

Lenox Inc. is based in Lawrenceville, N.J. and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Brown-Forman Corp., of Louisville, Ky.

If you had an ad in *The Holcad*, it'd be seen by lots of people right now.

NATIONAL

UCLA fraternity sued for role in car accident

By Josh Wolf
DAILY BRUIN

LOS ANGELES - A University of California-Los Angeles student is bringing a civil suit against members of the Sigma Pi fraternity for its alleged role in his drunk driving accident following a party last year.

Fifth-year history student Robert Burgess claims his accident resulted from members of Sigma Pi forcing him to drink large volumes of alcohol and then returning his car keys to him while he was still drunk.

On the morning of Nov. 4, 2000, Burgess said he crashed his 1997 Toyota Camry into a retaining wall and suffered a broken collarbone, fractured wrist and bleeding in his kidney.

At the hospital, his blood-alcohol-content was measured at .19 percent--two and a half times the legal limit, he added.

Daniel Stimpert, Burgess' attorney, said members of Sigma Pi are at fault for violating fraternity, university and state laws that prohibit "hazing" activities.

The complaint was filed with the Los Angeles Superior Court on Oct. 4. No trial date has been set. Burgess said he never contacted police about the incident.

Mike Sporty, the president of Sigma Pi at UCLA and one of the members named in the case, said neither he nor anyone in the fraternity would discuss the situation while the investigation is ongoing.

Jeff Brown, William Elmer and Allen Rowin are members of Sigma Pi named in the case along with Sporty.

Burgess, who pledged Sigma Pi in fall 2000 after transferring to UCLA from Los Angeles Valley College, drove to the fraternity house for a fraternity event--"Big Sis Revelation Night"--the evening before his accident, according to the lawsuit. There, he was given three options: drink alcohol, drink a non-alcoholic beverage concocted by members of the fraternity or find another fraternity to pledge.

The suit said that members promised to house him for the night if he chose to drink.

After choosing to drink alcohol, Sporty took Burgess' car keys from him, according to the suit.

Then members of the fraternity allegedly blindfolded him and led him around the house, urging him to drink in each room, the suit claims. At one point, while blindfolded, people allegedly held his arms down and poured alcohol in his mouth, Burgess said.

Burgess said his last memory of the evening involves lying on a bed, drunk, with Elmer assigned to watch over him.

"I sat down on the bed, and that's the last thing I remember. I woke up and was being pushed in a gurney in the Medical Center," Burgess said.

According to the suit, Burgess arose at some point in the evening, was handed his car keys by members of Sigma Pi and permitted to drive home.

Mark Briscoe, executive director of the Sigma Pi International Office, said the facts of the case are still unknown.

"We're currently investigating what the facts are," Briscoe said.

Briscoe added that if the UCLA chapter broke any state laws, it had also violated the international organization's policies. The organization would then bring sanctions against the individual chapter.

Stimpert said both parties want to meet before taking further actions.

California bridges patrolled after threat of attacks

By Kim Curtis
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO-National Guardsmen with M-16s and Humvees patrolled the Golden Gate and other California bridges Friday, and traffic across the spans was lighter than usual as a warning of terrorist attacks shifted the nation's anxiety from the East Coast to the West.

Gov. Gray Davis went public Thursday with the FBI's warning that suspension bridges across the West could be targets over the next few days.

"There's no way I'd drive over the Bay Bridge," said film editor Stephanie Challberg, one of many who took the subway instead. "On my way home last night, I thought I was going to pass out."

There were no reported problems at the four bridges Davis named: the Golden Gate Bridge, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, the Vincent Thomas Bridge at the Port of Los Angeles and San Diego's Coronado Bridge.

Davis shocked many commuters--and some law enforcement officials--with his announcement that the government had "credible evidence" that terrorists may be plotting to attack California bridges.

The FBI later confirmed the threat but said it was uncorroborated. Attorney General John Ashcroft said the warning had only "relative credibility."

Davis said he felt he had an obligation to warn the public. "If I failed to share that information and God forbid something went wrong, I'd be kicking myself," the governor said.

President Bush said he supported Davis' decision.

"I think any governor should be able to conduct their business the way they see fit," Bush said. He said the homeland defense program should enable governors to "harden targets, respond to uncorroborated evidence and to protect their people."

The FBI alert was sent to law enforcement agencies in eight Western states, warning "unspecified groups are targeting suspension bridges on the West Coast."

For the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, the nation's fears shifted to the West.

Bechtel Inc., the engineering company that built the Bay Bridge linking San Francisco with Oakland, gave 1,200 San Francisco employees the option of working from home or taking the next few business days off.

In Oregon and Washington, the alert triggered additional security precautions at some of the most heavily traveled bridges, including Washington's Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber said the Coast Guard would check under his state's bridges more often, and urged people not to be afraid.

California Highway Patrol officers and the Coast Guard also patrolled the four bridges Davis named, which collectively carry nearly 500,000 vehicles a day. They have been conducting the patrols since Sept. 11.

Pedestrians and cyclists are still allowed on the Golden Gate Bridge, but several trails approaching the bridge have been closed. On the vehicles-only Bay Bridge, officials were inspecting identification badges and have welded shut some gates and doorways.

"I just let it go in one ear and out the other," said Dawn Kropp, who drives across the Coronado Bridge every day to San Diego. "You have to live your life."

Scott Trautz, a high school teacher, was preparing to take 45 students across the Vincent Thomas Bridge so they could catch a boat to Santa Catalina Island. "If we were concerned, we wouldn't be here," he said.

Cross-burning defended by Virginia Supreme Court

By Jean McNAIR
AP WRITER

RICHMOND, Va.-A sharply divided Virginia Supreme Court struck down a state law against cross-burning Friday, saying such acts of bigotry are a protected form of speech.

In a 4-3 ruling, the court threw out the convictions of three people in two cases. One involved the burning of a cross at a Ku Klux Klan rally; the other involved an attempted burning in the back yard of a black person.

"Under our system of government, people have the right to use symbols to communicate. They patriotically wave the flag or burn it in protest; they may reverently worship the cross or burn it as an expression of bigotry," Justice Donald W. Lemons said.

"While reasonable prohibitions upon time, place and manner of speech, and statutes of neutral application, may be enforced, government may not regulate speech based on hostility--or favoritism--towards the underlying message expressed."

In dissent, Justice Leroy Hassell wrote that the law "for almost 50 years, has protected our citizens from being placed in fear of bodily harm by the burning of a cross."

Prosecutors had argued that the law, which carried up to five years in prison and a fine of $2,500, was constitutional because it applied equally to anyone who burned a cross to intimidate someone.

Attorney General Randolph A. Beales said he would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Cross-burning with the intent to intimidate is a form of domestic terrorism, which is intolerable in a free society," Beales said in a statement.

The General Assembly enacted the cross-burning law in 1952 in response to Klan activity. The law was amended several times.

In one of the cases decided Friday, Barry Elton Black of Johnstown, Pa., was convicted in 1999 for leading a Klan ceremony in southwest Virginia that ended in a cross being set on fire. The case drew national attention when the American Civil Liberties Union hired a black lawyer, David P. Baugh, to defend Black.

Baugh argued that the ban violated the constitutional right to free speech, no matter how repugnant that speech might be. Black was fined $2,500.

In the other case, from Virginia Beach, Richard J. Elliott and Jonathan O'Mara were convicted of trying to set a cross ablaze in the yard of Elliott's neighbor, who is black. Each was fined $2,500 and sentenced to 90 days in jail.

The men were drinking with a group of people when the conversation turned to complaints about the neighbor. The group built a crude cross that Elliott and O'Mara tried to ignite.

"As offensive as cross burning is, it is clearly protected expression under the First Amendment," said Virginia ACLU director Kent Willis. "The same constitutional right that allows you to burn the flag or criticize the government also allows you to express your opinions, as offensive as they may be."

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INTERNATIONAL

Anthrax found in mail in Pakistan and India

By Nadeem Afzal
AP WRITER

KARACHI, Pakistan - The global anthrax scare widened Friday as preliminary tests showed that spores were present in mail sent to Pakistan's largest newspaper and a government office in India.

In India, officials of the western state of Maharashtra said that powder found in an envelope sent to the state's No. 2 official last week tested positive but would be examined further.

The Daily Jang in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city evacuated some of its editorial offices after a press release sent there a week earlier tested positive for anthrax. The Pakistani government expressed skepticism over the results and ordered new tests at national labs.

In Germany, initial tests came back positive for anthrax on a letter and two packages. Later tests at federal labs in Berlin found no evidence of the bacteria, officials said.

The disease has killed four people and infected 13 others in the United States since the first anthrax-by-mail case was reported four weeks ago. Authorities said Friday they have no firm evidence to lead them to the perpetrators.

No confirmed cases of anthrax-laced mail or anthrax infection have been reported outside the United States. In Lithuania, officials are examining mailbags at the U.S. Embassy after lab results showed anthrax traces in at least one of them.

In Germany, the head of the government's Robert Koch Institute, which tested the samples, said he was "98 percent certain" that the letter and the parcels did not contain anthrax.

"But we found bacteria that were very similar to anthrax," Dr. Reinhard Kurth told a news conference. However, he indicated they were not dangerous.

The letter was sent to an employment office in Rudolstadt Oct. 25 in the eastern state of Thuringia, state Health Minister Franz-Michael Pietzsch said. Workers there were suspicious because the letter had a Pakistani return address but a German stamp and postmark, he said.

The packages were found in the town of Neumuenster in the northern Schleswig-Holstein state, state Health Minister Heide Moser said.

In Karachi, white powder in a letter received Oct. 23 by *the Daily Jang* tested positive for anthrax during analysis at Agha Khan University Hospital in Karachi, said Dr. Mohammed Tasleem, a senior doctor at the hospital.

The Pakistani government said its National Institute of Health would oversee new tests. "Health authorities ... have suspicion regarding authenticity of this case as it is felt that sufficient expertise is not available at the local hospital," a government statement said.

With doctors and security officials supervising, editorial offices on one floor of the newspaper were closed off and signs reading "Anthrax Zone" taped to the doors. Employees in other parts of the building worked at their computer terminals wearing plastic gloves and surgical masks.

Employees were put on antibiotics, but no one has shown any signs of contracting anthrax.

In India, Maharashtra State Health Secretary Subhash Salunkhe said anthrax traces were found on an envelope received by the office of Deputy Chief Minister Chhagan Bhujbal. Further results were expected Monday, Salunkhe said.

Russian authorities, meanwhile, flatly denied Friday that the spores found in the United States could have been left over from the Soviet Union's huge biological weapons program.

"I'm sure that it's being prepared on the territory of the United States," said Gennady Onishchenko, first deputy health minister.

The Soviet Union had the world's largest biological warfare program, employing up to 70,000 scientists. Even though it was a signatory to the 1972 convention banning such weapons, it continued work in the field at least into the late 1980s, and it was not until 1992 that then-Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a decree promising to comply with the international treaty.

Also Friday, Germany approved Bayer AG's antibiotic Ciprobay--sold as Cipro in the United States--as a treatment for anthrax, the first European Union country to do so, the company said.

N. Ireland government faces suspension or collapse

By Shawn Pogatchnik
AP WRITER

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant government faced suspension or collapse Friday after two rebellious Protestant lawmakers refused to support their party chief's effort to be re-elected government leader.

David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, couldn't rally enough support from the Protestant side of the 108-seat legislature, which must approve the selection of Cabinet ministers. While Catholics unanimously backed Trimble, fellow Protestants voted 30-29 against him--fatal in a voting system that requires majority support from both camps.

Trimble had hoped to receive sufficient support on the heels of last week's breakthrough decision by the Irish Republican Army to begin disarming, a long-held Protestant demand.

Pivotal in Trimble's defeat were two fellow Ulster Unionists who sided with other Protestants determined to sabotage the administration, which has been leaderless since Trimble resigned in July in protest at the IRA's refusal to scrap weapons.

Laws governing the nearly 2-year-old legislature require the government to elect a leader by Saturday, otherwise Britain must resume direct control of the province, at least temporarily.

Trimble said his party would punish the rebels, who blocked him in hopes of killing off a coalition that includes the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party. The dissidents complained the IRA disarmament was too secretive and unlikely to lead to the surrender of more weapons.

Trimble vowed that he and others determined to keep the power-sharing government alive would find a way to get him re-elected.

"I would ask people not to lose heart, not to despair," said Trimble, who shared the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to steer Protestants toward compromise. "I am confident that we will succeed and carry this process forward."

Britain's secretary of state for Northern Ireland, John Reid, led brainstorming sessions with the Ulster Unionists and several other parties that back the landmark Good Friday peace accord.

"I believe that we all need to do whatever is necessary to move this process forward, because people are fed up with delay. They're fed up with lurching from crisis to crisis," Reid said.

Reid was expected to announce Saturday whether he would strip the leaderless administration of power, or give up on the current divided legislature and dissolve it in favor of a new election.

The odds appeared stacked in favor of stripping powers and mothballing the legislature intact, which Britain has done three times before to forestall the government's collapse.

As before, Britain could briefly assume responsibility for governing Northern Ireland, then transfer powers back to the coalition. Such a suspension would create a further six-week space before Trimble's post must again be filled.

Behind the scenes, Reid also pressured Alliance, a small party representing the province's most compromise-minded Protestants and Catholics, to allow at least two of its five lawmakers to join the Protestant voting bloc. That would give Trimble the margin of victory he needs.

But Alliance leader David Ford said party members were determined to maintain their neutral designation in the legislature, a status that makes their votes irrelevant in determining whether Trimble can be elected.

The two most extreme parties in the coalition--Sinn Fein and Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists--appealed for Britain to dissolve the legislature and call a new election immediately. Both believe voters would make them the largest Catholic and Protestant parties respectively.

The moderate Social Democratic and Labor Party, which hold most Catholic seats in the legislature, agreed with the Ulster Unionists that Britain should buy more time with another suspension.

Romania puts moratorium on foreign adoptions

By Sarah Earle
AP WRITER

CONCORD, N.H.-The calls come almost every day: "When is our baby coming home?"

Elizabeth Mexcur doesn't have an answer. Four months ago, the Romanian government put an unexpected moratorium on foreign adoptions, leaving nearly 5,000 children in limbo. Mexcur had to tell 40 families who'd already painted bedrooms and tucked pictures in their wallets they couldn't go get their children.

"I'm doing everything that's in my control, but I feel so helpless," said Mexcur, who with her parents, David and Mary Mexcur, runs New Hope Christian Services, a foreign adoption agency in Concord.

Since the June 21 moratorium, Mexcur has been writing letters and making phone calls furiously, trying to draw attention to and enlist public officials in the cause.

Now there is a glimmer of hope. Adrian Nastase, the new prime minister of Romania, is coming to Washington, D.C., next week to meet with Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Among the issues they're expected to discuss are foreign adoptions. Mexcur is urging people to contact Cheney, Powell and their congressmen, voicing their support for reopening Romania's doors.

"They feel very strongly that if America will put a little bit of pressure on the prime minister that they're very likely to open up again," David Mexcur said.

During one of her trips to Romania, Elizabeth Mexcur met some of the country's street children, young people who have grown up in the orphanages and found themselves with nowhere to go after aging out of the system.

One of them invited her down in the sewers, where many of the children live during the cold winter months.

In the dank underground, Mexcur remembers seeing dozens of young people huddled together, hollow-eyed and filthy. "You never forget that," she said, her eyes tearing up. "You wonder if they're going to make it."

Along with the horrible visions, there are happy memories to motivate the Mexcurs. David and Mary Mexcur adopted a little boy, Timothy, from the country in 1991, shortly after the country opened its doors to foreign adoptions.

Fighting the moratorium, the experience inspired David, a former school principal, and Mary, a full-time mom to their growing family--now six children--to begin New Hope Christian Services. They've helped hundreds of families from all over New England and the country adopt children from Romania, Russia and the Ukraine. To date they've facilitated more than 150 Romanian adoptions.

The move seems to hinge largely on the country's efforts to become part of the European Union. About the same time the moratorium was announced, representatives of the EU were completing evaluations of the country's governmental systems.

Nastase has said he issued the freeze in an effort to correct problems identified by the E.U.

HEALTH

Moisturizers essential to proper winter skin care

Photo by Heidi Krieger

Moisturizers can soothe irritated skin.

By Ian Brown
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again. The trees shed their leaves and the air is getting cooler. But in addition to leaf-raking and wearing coats, late fall means dry skin season.

Director of the Student Health Center, Judith Duda, says that since the heat is on in the dorms, it dries the air in the residence halls.

"Having a humidifier in your room will help with dry skin problems," Duda said. "Also, drink lots of water, avoid dehydration and dry heat."

Even though it's getting colder, Duda advises not to take hot showers because the water dries skin out even more. Care should be taken in selecting soap as well. Some soaps can be harmful to the skin.

"When you shower, use a mild soap like Dove or soaps with moisturizers in them," Duda said. "Deodorant soaps can lead to more dry skin and other skin problems."

During winter months, using sunscreen is another way to moisten skin.

For upperclassmen, the dry heat in the dorms is normal. Some freshmen, however, are having a difficult time adjusting.

Freshman Megan Sigler said she was surprised at how dry the dorms are. "All of my friends are complaining about their skin being dry," she said.

Sigler also said that she uses moisturizers on her face at least twice a day and that she always carries lip balm with her.

Security available to help injured students

By Nikki Voit
STAFF WRITER

Serious injuries may take months to heal. Ordinary actions, like walking across campus, can become very difficult and frustrating.

Going to class does not involve just the walk; students also need to carry books and other supplies. This can be difficult for people on crutches who need their hands for support. Book bags can be helpful, but heavy bags may throw injured people off balance.

Many students are able to find friends to drive them to class or carry books, but this is not always the case. Conflicting schedules makes help hard to find.

Security is available to help students in need. Site Supervisor for Safety and Security, Bill Brandt, said security is more than willing to help. "This is just one of the services we provide," Brandt said. The office receives at least one call a day for this reason. Security personnel will even drive injured students to town to use health facilities or to pick up prescriptions.

Junior Jennifer Swearingen suffered an injury that required crutches. She was injured in danceline during football season. She said getting around was difficult, especially when the weather was bad.

Swearingen called security once for help, but did not want to be a hassle. During this time, she realized how difficult it is for injured or handicapped people to maneuver around campus.

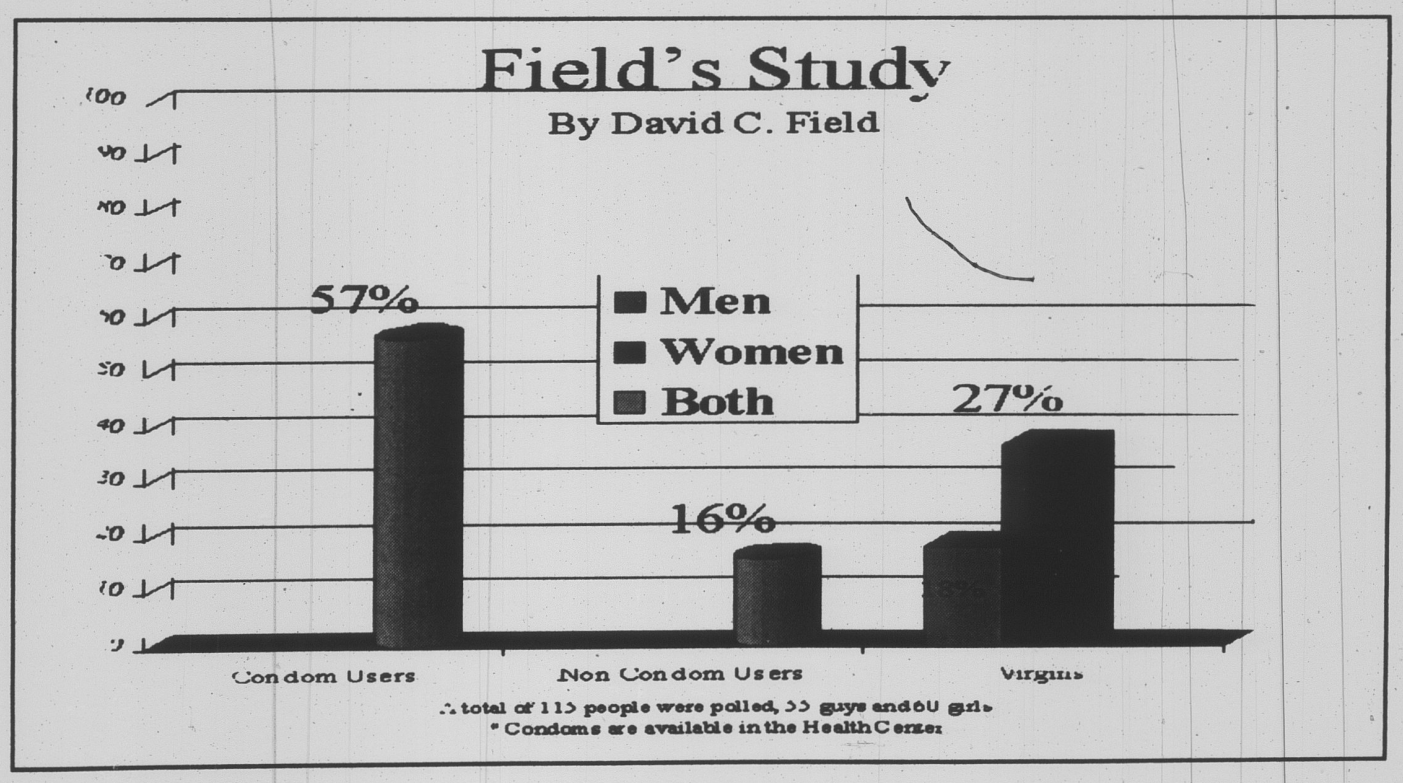
"I think the school could do a lot more for people who are injured," she said. One of her ideas was to get elevators in more of the buildings. Some buildings already have elevators for general use, others require keys that can be obtained by injured students.

Junior Jennifer Beer also realized injured people have a hard time getting around campus. Beer is a Hillside resident and is far from her classes in Old Main. Most of her classes are on the third floor.

When she called security, she felt like a nuisance. "This injury has made me realize how much handicaps are not thought of," she said. Beer agrees that more elevators would be helpful. She said she is happy that the campus has started making improvements like the ramp outside Galbreath.

Photo by Kristin Park

Elevators are available for the injured.



Health Center Hours and Services

Health Center Hours:
Monday - Friday : 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

College Physician Hours:
Monday - Friday : 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. by appointment (EXT. 7927).

Counseling Services Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday : 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon - 6 p.m.

The Student Health Center provides medical care to all full-time and part-time students who pay the Activity Fee. Its purpose is to educate students about health-related issues and to provide health care on an out-patient basis. The SHC is staffed by registered nurses when open. A physician is also available at the SHC one hour each day during the week.

If you are in need of allergy shots or respiration therapy, the SHC can accommodate your needs (for an additional fee). Literature and workshops on general health care and other health-related issues are offered free of charge. Residence Hall Directors are provided with a first aid kit for the treatment of minor injuries. See your RD if you live on campus and are in need of these materials

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CHURCH SERVICES

Religious activities offered on campus through chapel

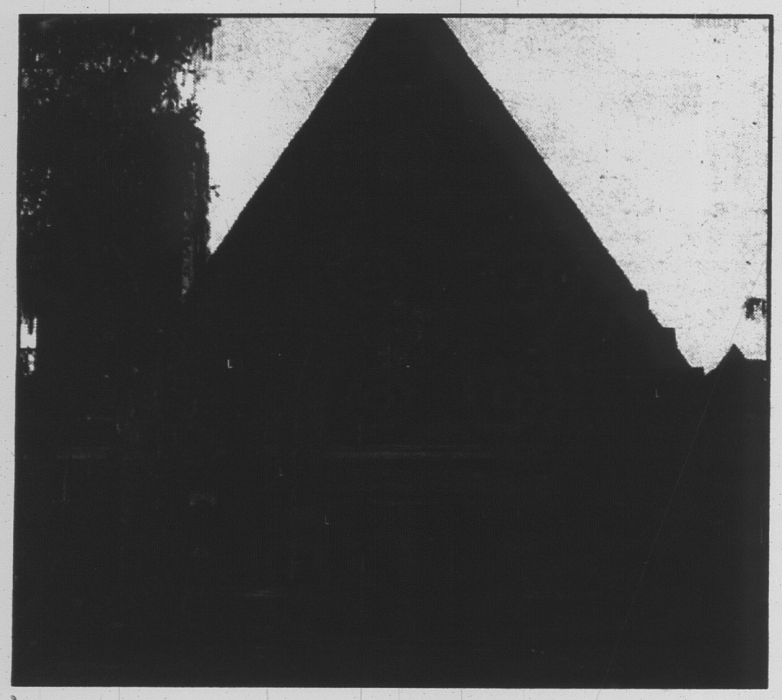


Photo by Joe Gill

The Wallace Memorial Chapel.

By Christy Steidel
STAFF WRITER

Campus ministry exists to assist students in their growth as Christians.

Chapel is a program in which students, staff, faculty and outside speakers present speeches, music and creative arts. Chapel is held at 11:40 a.m. every Monday and Friday.

Vespers is similar to Chapel. Vespers incorporates music, scripture readings and a brief message.

"I go to Vespers because I love the sermons and there is always spiritual music that gives me the chills," freshman John Johnston said. Vespers is held every at 7 p.m. Sunday nights.

Catholic Mass is another service offered to students. This is a time for many students to relieve stress and to reflect.

Sophomore Alicia Roberts attends mass regularly. "Saturday night mass is one of the few times when I can feel really relaxed and stress free," Roberts said. Mass is held at 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Holy Days.

The Newman Club, a Catholic student fellowship organization, provides an opportunity for students to grow, share and encourage each other.

Roberts, vice president of the Newman Club, is proud of her faith. "The thing I enjoy the most about the Newman Club is the chance it gives me to be with my friends having fun, and also spending time sharing our faith with each other," she said.

Seekers is another student-led group. An all-student core team leads the group in worship, discussion and prayer circles. Similar to a youth group, Seekers provides an opportunity to relax and grow closer to God.

Freshman John Johnston was invited to Seekers for the first time the day after the Sept. 11 attacks. He has not missed a week since. "Seekers is my release for the week so I can get closer to God and he can help me relax and get my mind thinking clear and straight," Johnston said. "I also enjoy the singing that is done at the beginning of the meetings."

Food and drinks are also provided at the Seekers meetings held at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Other Christian groups on campus include: Fellowship of Christian Athletes, bible study groups and the new Young Life group.

United Methodist provides friendly atmosphere

By Craig Carlin
STAFF WRITER

Every Sunday morning for the 11 a.m. worship service, the New Wilmington United Methodist Church fills with local people.

Dr. Clarence Harms, biology professor, is one of the more than 100 people who flock to the corner of South Mercer Street and East Neshannock Avenue to practice his faith.

The church, established in 1839, welcomes people of all denominations and supports different theological views.

"I would not be comfortable in a church where everyone believed the same thing," Harms said.

Harms, a 32-year member of the church, said he enjoys the friendliness of the members. "It wasn't too long after we joined that we had church members stopping by for a visit," he said.

The Rev. Nancy C. Mussehl was welcomed to the church in July. Her enthusiasm and confidence have given the church members a real boost according to Harms. The Rev. Mussehl leads services by combining traditional and contemporary worship.

The church's Sunday service is open to anyone. A number of college professors, students and alumni attend regularly. Many people at the service are not members and are not Methodist.

Harms teaches a young adult class 10 a.m. on Sundays. The class is composed of mainly college students. Children's Sunday school classes are held at 9:45 a.m.

Bible study is held throughout the year as is youth group, United Methodist Women, and senior and junior choir. The church also offers liturgical dance, children's musical drama, after-school specials for elementary children, college ministry and an annual Family Night in the college's gymnasium.

Dr. Craig Caylor, assistant professor of physics, is involved in the choir, and his wife teaches a Sunday school class. Caylor said both he and his wife have enjoyed the community atmosphere since they joined three months ago. "Everybody is very friendly," he said. "It was easy to stay."

After many years of service, the church continues to be an active member of the community. "We're alive and well," Harms said.

Every year the church has a mother-daughter dinner, two soup lunches, a braised steak dinner, and other fund-raising dinners. The church supports the Red Bird Mission, the local food bank, the Boy and Girl Scouts and Heifer Project International, which uses money from child fund-raisers to buy farm animals for citizens of foreign countries.

New Life Baptist offers services, studies

By Kara Stivason
STAFF WRITER

The New Life Baptist Church offers bible-based, Christ-centered worship services at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sundays.

"Bringing people to Christ, moving them to maturity, and then to ministry is our goal," the Rev. Dan Salla said.

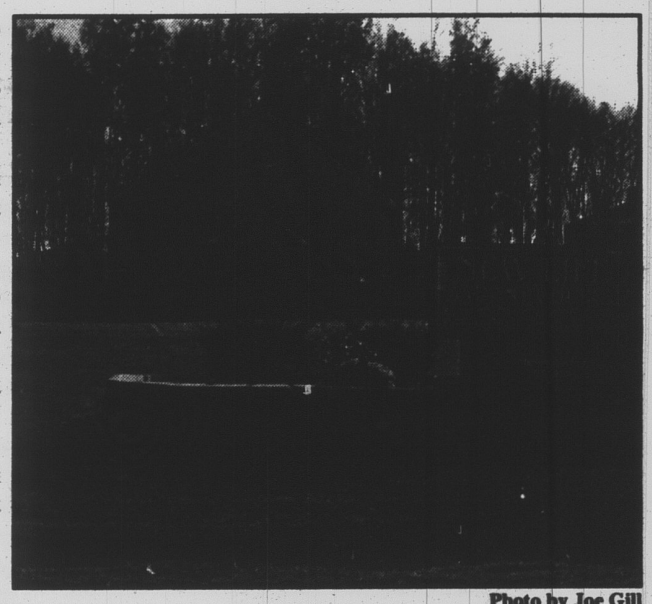
There are four pastors at New Life Baptist Church: John R. Bailey, senior pastor; Dan Salla, ministry pastor; Greg Marshall, children's pastor; and the newly appointed youth pastor, Matt Garrison.

Sunday services usually last an hour and fifteen minutes. A family service is held the first Sunday of every month at 6 p.m. and a bible study is held on Wednesday nights.

Senior Steven Klebacha has attended the church for almost a year. "John Bailey is very dynamic, and his messages are very applicable to life. It is very contemporary and fun," Klebacha said.

Junior Sarah Plimpton attends with Klebacha whenever possible. "Bailey is very inspiring. He has a dedication to the existing church, a desire to make it better, and a drive to make it happen."

The Rev. Salla welcomes all students. "It does not matter what denomination or background you come from. The more, the merrier," Salla said.



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The New Life Baptist Church.

Pres. church promotes volunteerism

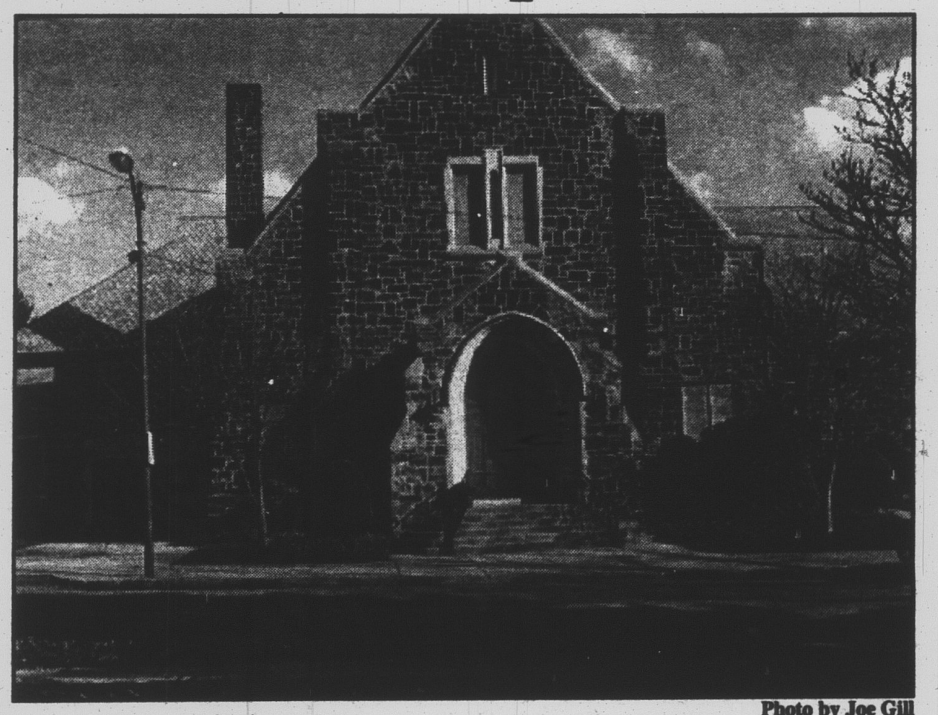

Photo by Joe Gill
The New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.

By Libby Mucciarone
STAFF WRITER

The New Wilmington Presbyterian Church has weekly services at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. There is also a Sunday school class for college students.

In addition to worship services and Sunday school, the church offers a variety of music ministry opportunities. The church welcomes college students to join the Chancel Choir, the adult choir, and any of the four bell choirs. After the worship service once a month, a potluck dinner is served.

Students can volunteer through the church with TEAM, Creations and Youth Club.

The church also offers students internship opportunities.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time there because the staff and the members have a deep passion for God and a true commitment to the mission of the church," junior Sara Hackett, former intern, said.

Hackett said she also likes the inviting environment at the church. "It is wonderful to see so many smiling faces welcome you Sunday mornings and throughout the week at church, in the community, and around campus."

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New Wilmington Area Church Services

Christian Missionary
127 N. New Castle St.
(724) 946-8816
Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m.

Living Word Church
269 Cowden Rd.
(724) 946-8706
Sunday services at 10 a.m.

Maple Grove Mennonite Church
Rt 956
(724) 946-2579
Sunday services at 11 a.m.

Neshannock Presbyterian Church
330 W. Neshannock Ave.
(724) 946-2081
Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

SPORTS

Swimming Titans start season in top positions

Photo by Kristin Park

Coach Klamut gives the swimming Titans a peptalk.

By B. D. Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The swim teams opened the 2001-02 season this past weekend at the Westminster Relay invitational.

The men took first in the meet, overcoming Salem International, Allegheny, John Carroll, Edinboro and Penn State Altoona.

A trio of outstanding performances for the men's team were given by Craig Guthoerl, as he swam on three winning relay teams.

The women placed second in the event, behind Allegheny with outstanding performances by sophomore Brittany Jardine, who also contributed to three relay wins.

Two men's teams set invitational records, 3:08.02 for the 300-yard breaststroke relay and 3:43.48 for the 400-yard medley.

Both teams return to action with the onset of the dual meet season this Saturday for a 1 p.m. home meet verses Division II Edinboro.

V-ball team closes season

By B. D. Wilson
STAFF WRITER

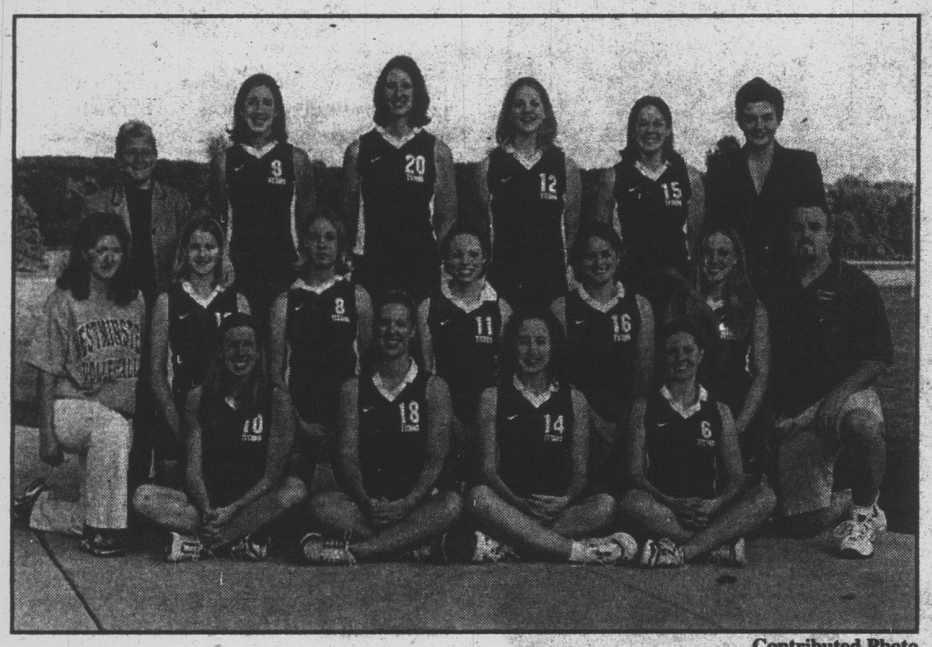
The volleyball team wrapped up the season two weeks ago by beating out Hiram, Thomas More College and D-Youville College.

Leading the squad past Hiram in scores of 30-23, 26-30, 25-30, 30-23, 15-7 were senior outside hitter Shannon Simmons with 20 kills and junior middle hitter Suzanne Fitz who tallied 18 kills and two solo blocks.

In the game against Thomas More, Simmons and Fitz once again led the statistics with 14 and 13 kills respectively. Junior middle hitter Katie Spehar added 10 kills, while junior Carolee Reed had 52 assists. The Titans defeated Thomas More with scores of 30-24, 30-21 and 30-24.

The women defeated D'Youville in the final match of the tournament by scores of 30-12, 33-31 and 30-12. Spehar led the Titans with 10 kills and five solo blocks, while Echter and Fitz added six kills each.

The team ended the season at an impressive 25-8, going undefeated against PAC competition.



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The women's volleyball team.

Volleyball Season Wrap-Up

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WC 3, St. Vincent 1

9/14/01 - Alma 3, WC 2
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9/15/01 - Denison 3, WC 0
WC 3, Notre Dame 1

9/18/01 - WC 3, Thiel 0
WC 3, Geneva 0

9/20/01 - WC 3, Waynesburg 0

9/25/01 - WC 3, Bethany 0

9/28/01 - WC 3, Hanover 0

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WC 3, Capital 2
John Carroll 3, WC 0

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10/24/01 - WC 3, Geneva 0

10/26/01 - WC 3, Hiram 2

10/27/01 - WC 3, Thomas More 0
WC 3, D'Youville 0

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World Series surprise ending

By Meredith Etcher
STAFF WRITER

Luck can only take a team so far, and Game 7 of the World Series showed that Sunday night. The Arizona Diamondbacks dominated the New York Yankees in all the major statistical categories – ERA, batting average and runs scored – going into that game. Finally, against every bit of luck the Yankees have gathered during this Series (not to mention the rest of the playoffs), the better team won the game. Unfortunately for the Yanks, this was the one that mattered most. The game-winning hit in the bottom of the ninth was not by a man in stripes; instead, Luis Gonzalez of the D-backs hit a bloop single to shallow center to advance two runners and win the game, 3-2.

This exciting series seemed over after the first two games, which Arizona won in a less-than-thrilling fashion. The D-backs used their two stud pitchers to create a 2-0 lead, which was quickly diminished. Games 3, 4, and 5 went to the Yankees, thanks to blown saves, last-minute hits, and the legendary Yankee luck.

At this point, the average baseball fan would have probably bet all the money in the world that the Yankees would pull out one more win. I have learned to never bet against New York. They could be down by 16 runs in the bottom of the ninth inning, with two outs, the bases bare, and two strikes on the batter, and I wouldn't bet against them. They always find a way to pull out a win. They scratch, claw and scramble their way out of hard situations, as was shown in the middle games of the World Series. Two blown saves with two outs in the bottom of the ninth with two outs – in a row. Who does that? The Yankees. Ask Byung-Hyun Kim and he'll attest to the Yankee magic. Game 6 was unusual; Arizona dominated New York, proving how even the luck of the Yankees can run out.

Before Game 7, I was almost positive I was going to be writing this column about how it's nice to have a victory in New York, how the Yankees know how to win when it matters, and how they are a great team to hate.

Usually after a team suffers a blowout loss, the players bounce back and win the next game. Another aspect of baseball that I am truly confident in is that when two above-average teams play and one is blown out, that the losing team will win the next game. I don't know why, but that is usually a proven theory. For the Yankees, who almost always have fortune on their side, this was not the case.

Game 7 of the World Series is always the most fun. Managers don't worry about saving arms. Each at-bat is crucial and an error is more severe. Players have to pretend that it's a regular game, but they all know it's not. One favorable statistic for Arizona going into this game was that in the last six Game 7s, the winner of Game 6 was victorious. After reading this stat before the game, I thought, "At least we'll get to see the end of a streak."

I had little confidence in Arizona. I knew they were the better team. I knew they deserved to win. I also thought that the luck of the Yankees was a bigger force. I was wrong. The Diamondbacks pulled out a victory in a Yankee-style bottom of the ninth hitting spree. It was a great end to a great series, especially because a team other than the Yankees came out with the victory.

Cross country teams end another successful season

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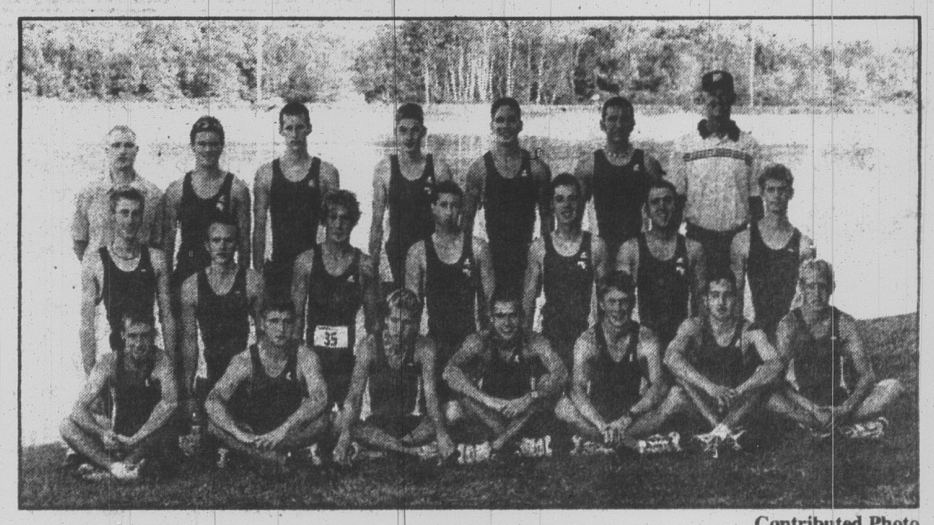
The women's cross country team.



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The men's cross country team.

By B. D. Wilson
STAFF WRITER

On the windswept treeless hills above Slippery Rock University, two Titan seniors earned regional honors in the Division II Eastern Regional.

In the men's race, Jacob Gleason fired off the start and held in the top 10 the entire race, eventually finishing 10th in 34:33 for the 10,000 meter course.

Other Westminster finishers were sophomore Sean Gallagher, 63rd in 37:08; freshman Mike Clever, 79th in 37:43; junior Dan Beckwith, 102nd in 38:20; junior Bryan Mackrell, 105th in 38:37; senior Scott Fabry, 109th in 39:17; and freshman Brad Zerbe, 113th in 40:01.

In the team scoring, the men finished 14th out of 20 teams totaling 359 points.

In the women's race, senior Desiree Henry employed her signature strategy of negative splitting to advance from 16th place at the mile mark to eighth at the finish in a time of 23:54 for the 6,000 meter course.

Also placing for the women were juniors Lydia Humenecky, 78th in 26:46, and Kelly Schmidt 94th, in 27:15; sophomore Sara Ialongo, 100th in 27:36; and freshman Felicie Reid, 108th in 28:04. Freshmen Lori Baty and Bethany Huey rounded out the squad in 124th and 136th respectively.

The women placed 15th out of 18 teams.

For the men, this race marks the end of an odyssey that began four years ago. Before the arrival of this year's senior class in 1998, the team had a 7-41 season record in NAIA competition. As freshmen, the men took five of the top seven places on the team, leading the program to 22-18 against primarily Division II competition.

As sophomores, they continued to advance the program to a regular season of 18-4, winning three invitationals and making a final appearance at the GLIAC meet, following the infamous bus fire on the Ohio Turnpike.

Last year witnessed the onset of another dominant freshmen class, which will have the responsibility of leading the program into the future. The team, which received no scholarship funds, moved into Division III in the President's Athletic Conference.

Facing much of the same competition as in previous years, the team managed a 24-6 record, winning four invitationals.

This year, the team ended the season at 58-25, tolling five invitational wins.

The women's team will also experience a major loss with the graduation of Desiree Henry, a top runner for the past four seasons. But, with a strong group of underclassmen, the team will enjoy further success in the future. The ladies finished this season with a record of 40-31, including a second-place finish in the PAC.

Westminster Cross Country

Men

NCAA Division II East Regionals - Nov. 3, 2001
14th out of 20 teams.

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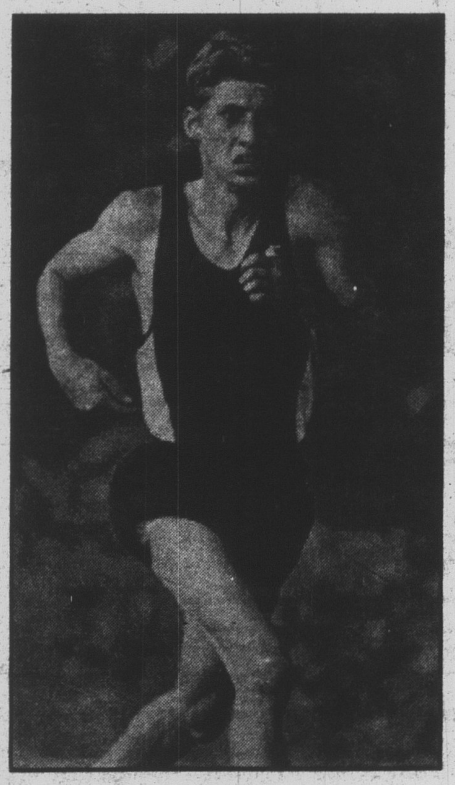
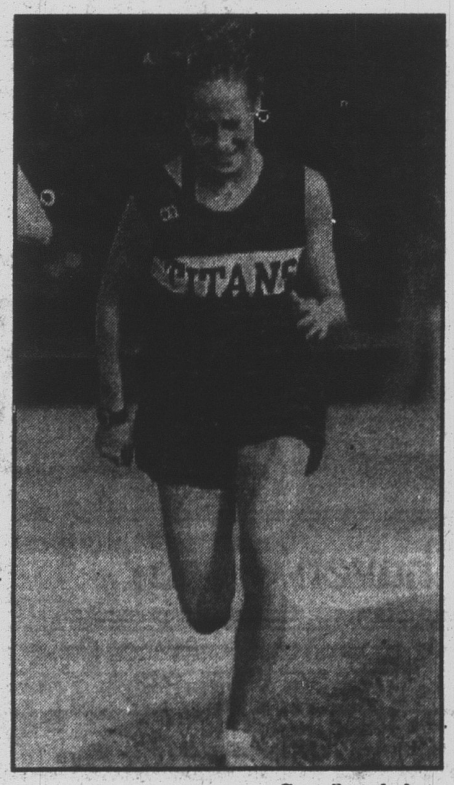
Two cross country greats end their careers on top





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Jake Gleason and Desiree Henry fight for the win.

By B. D. Wilson
STAFF WRITER

I met Jacob Gleason on the first day of cross-country camp, our freshmen year, in 1998. At that time, no one knew what to expect from the skinny kid from Uniontown, a place I had only seen as an exit sign from Route 70. But from our first conversation, I knew two things: he would eventually lead our team, and we would be great friends.

Both of my premonitions rang true as Jacob further proved himself at every meet and I went along for the ride. During his first season, he tallied many top five finishes, winning his first race over Grove City during our final home competition and finishing 20th at the GLIAC Championships in Suet St. Marie, Mich.

During his sophomore year, Jacob won four individual titles and continued to establish a name among the best runners of Western Pa.

Junior year, Jacob truly came into his prime. With the help of an expanded summer training and racing schedule, he went on to claim six individual titles and served his first term as captain, leading the team to a 43-12 record.

This year, as the Titans faced a more demanding invitational schedule, Gleason took six individual titles and placed 10th at the Division II Regional meet, missing the Division II National Championship by less than 20 seconds on the 6.2 mile course.

I met Desiree Henry at Coach Galbreath's annual end-of-camp party, where he does his best to introduce the men's and women's teams to each other. For the next three years, she floated between first and third for the women, coming through in the big races and polishing her signature strategy of negative splitting, that is, running the second half faster than the first in order to destroy an opponent mentally and physically.

This season, Des came back stronger than ever and wasted no time establishing local dominance by winning her first four races. She ended the season with seven individual titles, a personal best time of 18:50 in the home victory over Geneva and an eighth place finish at the National Qualifier, missing a berth by two seconds.

In her own words, "It's really hitting me now that the season is over how much I'm going to miss it. I would give anything to do it all over again."

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Since when is the word 'debauchery' allowed in campus-wide e-mails? I don't think our parents want us at these sinful toga parties."

"Is it really necessary to play the bells at 8 a.m. on visitation days? Some of us would rather sleep!"

"About the baked potatoes in the cafeteria ... can they please stop?"

"I love 'Amish Paradise.'"

"This place needs a little more in the way of things to do."

"How many times do you have to pave a parking lot?"

"I think we need a slushy machine in the TUB."

"I still don't see any recycling bins in the mailroom."

"The calzones need more cheese and less of that meat crap."

"Why are none of the guys in Russell capable of flushing?"

"Yes, the construction outside the cafeteria doors does have to start before 7 a.m."

"What's this about being more stringent on parking now that Physical lot is paved?"

"In my dreams, Steve Martin helps me with my homework."

"Simpsons Halloween special rocked!"

"Why aren't there cool prizes in cereal boxes anymore?"

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: MLK Day

Our campus does not have a reputation for doing anything. We don't go to sporting events, we don't involve ourselves in many school activities. We especially don't have demonstrations or anything that would move us outside our extremely conservative boundaries.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, something is happening on campus that people can't get enough of--a cause that everyone is fighting for. This project we have taken on is trying to get classes off on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Students can't get enough of this subject. They talk about it on the radio. For once, students actually show up for a meeting they are not being forced to go to for a class or campus activity.

Regardless of what is happening in the world, students on this campus have taken an interest in this issue and intend to protest classes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. They won't protest war, but they will fight to honor a man who made a difference in this country.

So, it must not be that the campus is full of apathetic near grown-ups, but full of seemingly apathetic near grown-ups who, when given a cause they believe in, will stand up and fight and fight and fight.

Many people question the motivation of those fighting for MLK Day off. Some think it is simply because people don't want to go to class, but the alternatives given us by the school will not take away a day of classes. The administration cannot take another day out of the academic year, so we are left to come up with other options ... options that are more complicated that just having classes on MLK Day.

All the shopworn rhetoric about students trying to get away with another day off made little sense. Who was naive enough to think the administration would just grin and hack another day off the academic calendar?

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What is important is that students and faculty alike are willing to endure the difficulties presented by having the day off to honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. Those who were motivated by other intentions have simply made things harder for themselves. No one is getting a day off free and clear. A vacation day has simply been shifted.

We hope that the majority of the campus has enough life experience to understand the way things work in the real world: there is a bottom line, here it is a set number of school days.

For those students who pretended to back a noble cause just to get a day off ... ha ha ha. You walked right into that one.

For the faculty and students who brought up that tired old line about the irresponsible students who would spend the day jaunting off to the mall and drag-racing, you should have considered the needs of the more serious people on campus.

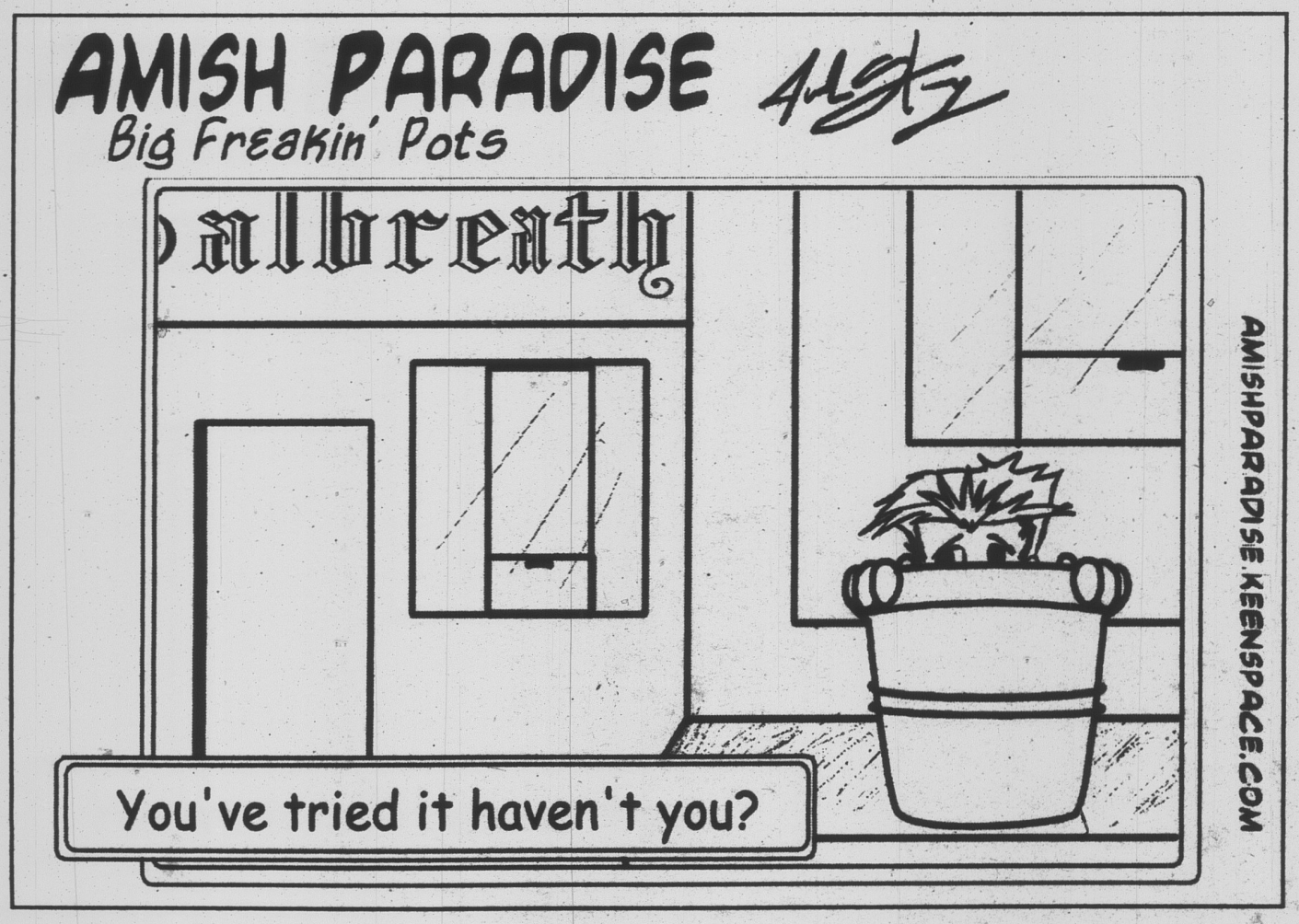
Just because some people are disrespectful does not mean others who sincerely intend to use the day for reflection and togetherness should be punished.

Our sincere hope is that students have protested the day of classes in order to better honor a man who stood up for the rights of all people.

Chalk one up for activism on campus. Now keep it going. There are a lot of other things students should be concerned about in the community and the world.

There's a war going on. There are human rights abuses going unchecked in foreign countries. There are people starving.

Put as much effort into at least educating yourselves about these happenings before slipping back into that apathetic coma.



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Guest editorial: every American city is a terrorist target

By Dr. Tom Nichols
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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From the time of George Washington, who warned the United States to stay out of European problems, the United States has been content to let our two oceans protect us from foreign invasions. True we have had wars with Mexico and with Great Britain over lands in the southwest and north of our borders. True we sent Teddy Roosevelt's troops charging up San Juan Hill in Cuba to stop Spanish mistreatment of its Cuban colony. True we fought two world wars to defend democracy against totalitarianism, but the fighting was not on U.S. soil, but took place far away over distant seas.

We never fought at home. We never became a battleground for conflict other than our own Civil War. We felt remote from the rest of the world, and safe behind our vast two oceans.

We are no longer safe.

Every city in America has a water supply, a river, lake, or reservoir. Some are protected by fences to keep the water supply from being polluted, but no source is completely guarded against an intruder bent on doing serious damage.

A terrorist possibility might be to poison the water in such a way as to make it undrinkable. During the height of the cold war both the United States and the USSR were working on a deadly poison called "shellfish toxin." One teaspoon of that toxin would poison the drinking water for an entire city. Most city drinking water treatment plants are not heavily guarded. Lakes and rivers have open shorelines. The thing about shellfish toxin is that both the United States and Russia signed a treaty stopping research and production of that deadly toxin, and both agreed to destroy all supplies of it.

Like anthrax, has some of that toxin survived and might it be purchased by would-be terrorists?

All of our major cities are filled with beautiful high rise buildings at the center, buildings that could tempt airplane attacks like in New York and the Pentagon. Other special targets include Atlanta's Centers for Disease Control, and the CDC would be a prime target of terrorists who would like to attack Americans here and elsewhere with biological agents.

Anthrax has found its way into the mail sorting centers for the Capitol Building, the White House, the State Department, and the CIA. It could also be targeted on mail sorting centers in major distribution points for our Post Office so as to attack citizens all across the nation.

Can we let terrorists turn us into spineless, fearful, cowards?

Can we jump into bed and pull our collective covers over our heads and give the terrorists the terrified populace that they apparently want?

Or can we realize that all of us are mortal. Can we return to our churches, synagogues, or mosques and renew our spirituality? Can we deepen our family relations (using e-mail which cannot be biologically contaminated) and strengthen contacts with family and friends assuring them of our continued love, our continued strength, our continued faith in the ultimate triumph of good over evil, and know that democracy will prevail in the end.

If we are stronger because of the challenges we face, the terrorists will have lost. If we turn into fearful, spineless, terrified wilted populace, the terrorists will have won because we have become terrified as a nation.

Our nation must be strong. We have no other choice. Love must prevail over hate, good over evil.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the "Our View: Compromising our values" that appeared in the November 2nd edition of *The Holcad*. The article states that we are compromising our values of freedom by assassinating any person(s) suspected to be behind the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. I fail to see how going after the leader of a prime terrorist organization compromises our freedom. Letting the leaders of terrorist organizations live to plot more American deaths is a much greater risk to our freedoms than killing them. Granted, assassinating Osama bin Laden will certainly compromise his freedom, but in light of what he prefers to do with his freedom, do we really want him to have it?

The article asks, "do we accept the blatant killing that we thought was so wrong during all previous wars we've been involved in?" in the mindset that in our over 200 years of existence as a nation we have never seized the initiative against enemy leaders when given the opportunity, nor have we actually assassinated any foreign leader. I would first like to point out that this is not historically accurate. The most obvious example came in World War II. In 1943, Allied forces the intercepted a Japanese radio transmission stating the fight path and time of departure Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto was to take on an inspection flight to the Northern Solomon Islands. Acting on this information, Allied commanders scrambled a flight of P-38 fighter aircraft and shot down Yamomoto's aircraft, killing him. This ambush Japan's greatest naval leader from the war and reduced Japanese moral, saved American lives, and shortened the duration of the war as a result.

Thus, to say that we have never assassinated an enemy leader is not only incorrect, it is to blatantly disregard historical evidence. And to the author of the Our View column, I ask this question: would it not be better to send a team of assassins to Afghanistan than to send the bulk of the United States Armed Forces? Would it not be more humane to target terrorist leaders than an entire national population? Would it not save American lives by targeting the individual terrorists that plan attacks and command terrorist ground forces? Assassination has worked in the past; there is no reason it cannot work now.

Sincerely,

Matt Boccardi

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Monsters, Inc.

...what's in your closet?

Brad Dell

From the makers of *Toy Story, Toy Story 2*, and *A Bug's Life,* comes *Monsters, Inc.*, the newest in a slew of computer graphic animated films that strive to make children smile and adults roll in the aisles.

Pixar Studios, under the mammoth Disney umbrella, has unleashed a new breed of super-cool kid-flicks that stretch beyond the traditional and tranquil worlds of early "mouse-house" days. The lovely Beauty and down-trodden Cinderella have been replaced by the loud, brassy and witty Buzz Light-year and now, Mike Wazowski.

Mike (voiced by the brilliant Billy Crystal) is a monster who lives in Monstropolis, a land just on the other side of childrens' closets. Mike works for Monsters, Inc., the power-producing plant inside the land of Monstropolis. The monsters' power supply, however, is not derived from water, heat or nuclear fission. Instead, it is collected from the screams of young children. The monsters have created a marvelously sophisticated system of "scaring," in which the most well-trained monsters enter the scare floor of the power plant. There they are met with an endless supply of doors that enter the nighttime bedrooms of young children. The monsters make the children scream. Then the screams are collected in tanks and taken away to vaults that power the rest of the city.

But there is one catch ... the monsters believe that children are as deadly to them as an envelope full of white powder. I'm not kidding. When one monster returns from a child's room with a sock sticking to his back, a "code red" alarm goes off and the Child Detection Agency monsters in yellow rubber suits fly in on ropes to quarantine the contaminated area.

The champion "scarer" at Monsters, Inc. is James P. (Sully) Sullivan (voiced by the eternally loveable John Goodman). Sully and Mike are best friends and Sully is just about to break the all-time scare record. But when he accidentally lets a child back through his door, Sully becomes a fugitive on the run. In his journey, he becomes the adopted father of the displaced child and uncovers a plot to corrupt the innocent scaring system.

The thing that impressed me the most about *Monsters, Inc.* was the marvelous animation. It's frightening how close to real action computer graphics can bring animation. But still, there is no limit to what animation can bring to the action of films. In *Monsters, Inc.,* we are taken from the icy Swiss Alps to an invigorating door ride that thrills as well as any simulated roller coaster.

The animators are also to be applauded for creating some truly fantastic monsters. Sully is a beautiful teal furry beast with purple spots. He is so oddly pretty that it's hard to imagine him as the scare king. And of course, the M&M look-a-like, Mike, has more facial expression with just one eye than Keanu Reeves does with an entire real-life body. Sully's adopted child (whom he calls Boo) is also marvelously created. She has some of the most realistic darling child moments since Haley Joel Osment's "I see dead people" utterance. As I've said before, these kid actors impress me, even when they're made of pixels.

Director Peter Docter includes some very clever parallels to our modern world, including the intricately run power plant and a hyperactive monster media. These and other subtle stabs at pop culture will keep the adults in the audience in tune.

But the film lacked something big—comedy and character. There just aren't enough guffaw moments to warrant recommending it to anyone over the age of 12. It was like an hour-long chase scene: a lot of movement, some dazzling animation, a one-eyed monster, the Abominable Snow Man, a bag of chips and not much character. I'm sorry to say, but it only gets two furry teal, purple-spotted stars.

Only seven days till Hogwarts calls ... where will you be next Friday night?

Craig Shulman Celebrity Series tonight at 8 p.m.

By Beth Staley
A & E EDITOR

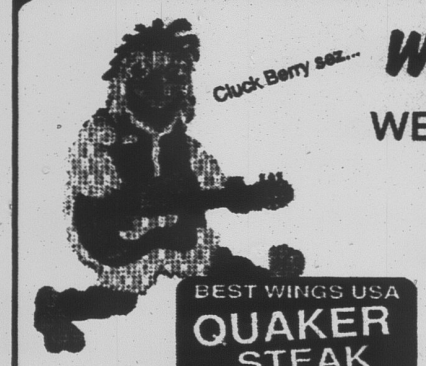
It's almost time for Thanksgiving break, but if you're aching for an early diversion from books and school-related activities, then you're in luck. This Friday, Nov. 9, Celebrity Series brings "Craig Shulman on Broadway" to the stage. The show features prestigious tenor Craig Shulman and the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra with Conductor Isaiah Jackson.

Shulman is the only actor in the world to have portrayed the title role of the phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*, Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*, and the dual title roles in *Jekyll & Hyde*. Also, he represented the United States at the *Les Misérables* Tenth Anniversary Concert at Royal Hall in 1995.

Shulman sings love songs from operettas, movies and Broadway. His program offers a tasteful, diverse selection of songs that are sure to appeal to any audience.

In addition to Shulman, the Friday night audience will hear The Youngstown Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jackson. Jackson has been the guest conductor of symphony orchestras throughout the world. His talent and experience are impressive. The combination of Shulman and Jackson will result in a show you won't want to miss!

Tickets are $39 and $33; for more information, call 724-946-7354. A limited number of tickets are also available free of charge to students. Take the opportunity to experience the beautiful voice of Shulman and the brilliance of The Youngstown Symphony Orchestra. The show begins promptly at 8 p.m. Friday night in Orr Auditorium. See you there!



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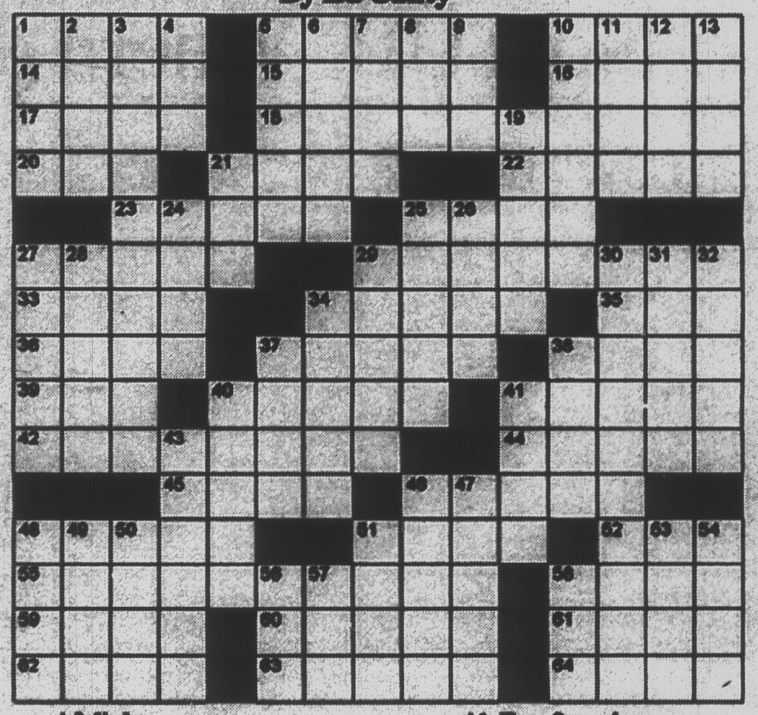
By Ed Canty



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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
You may have a tough time with changes on a personal level. Since these changes are going to take place without your say-so, learn to accept them.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)
New ideas need to be shared, and the feedback of others may improve the concepts. It's time to make way for a new approach.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)
Your need for solitude and quiet may be hard to meet. Make the necessary compromises, meeting all responsibilities, but keep your input at a minimum.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)
Use all available resources in the most economic and efficient way possible in order to reach your goal. You might have to do some juggling, but the extra effort will be worth it.

LEO: (July 24-Aug. 23)
Perfection is not required, and will no doubt be impossible to achieve. Assuming any type of superior stance will aggravate those around you; try to leave well enough alone.

VIRGO: (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Resist any suggestion to give more than you have in terms of time, money and energy. Standing up for yourself will give you a great feeling of success, boosting your confidence tenfold.

LIBRA: (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
Show your appreciation to your friends and family. You have much to give to those you love, and revealing those feelings more often will bring you joy and peace. Financial success will be tied to a raise or promotion.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24–Nov. 22)
Learning something new will give you a feeling of joy and confidence you can share with friends and loved ones. You are currently riding on a crest of continued success either at work or on the homefront.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
What has previously seemed like a potential disaster, probably concerning a relationship, may instead turn out positively and provide you with new opportunities to create a more stable and loving closeness.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Any investments, especially in the area of real estate or stocks, can provide you with excellent returns. Communicate clearly with experts in these fields before you make your move.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
If you feel pressured about making a choice, insist on more time to gather the information and think about what you really want. Practice moderation.

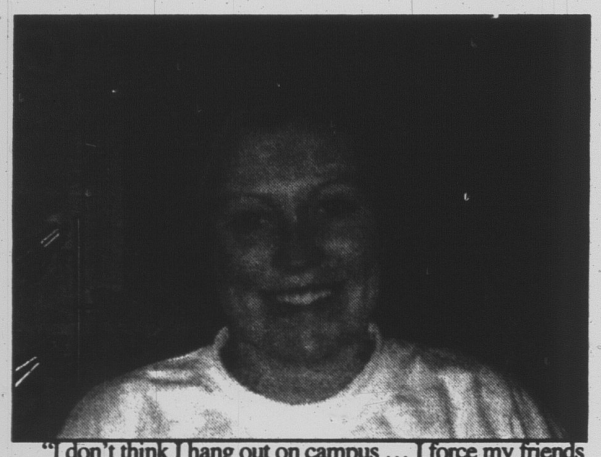
PISCES: (Feb. 20-March 20)
If you are finding yourself constantly let down, it may be time to re-examine your expectations. Unrealistic expectations of others will only cause you grief. Compromise is a key word for the week.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may be having the nagging feeling that there's something you should be doing, but you can't remember what it is. This may be a sign that you are moving toward a new future which hasn't become apparent yet.

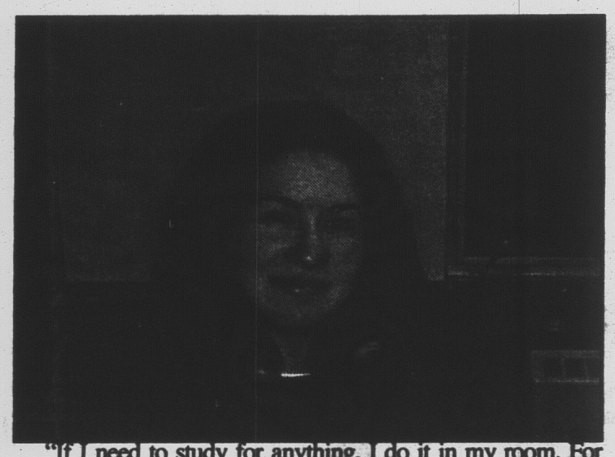
FEATURE

Question of the week: No TUB. Where do you go?

Where do you hang out/study now that we no longer have the "TUB"?



"I don't think I hang out on campus … I force my friends to eat lunch with me so I don't have to go back up to Hillside between classes." – ***Monica Asher, junior***



"If I need to study for anything, I do it in my room. For group projects, we'll meet in the library. I don't 'hang out' in between classes anymore." – ***Gina Bessetti, junior***

"The periodical room in McGill. We meet in those little study rooms in the library for group projects. I go back to my room in between classes." – ***Diana Moore, junior***

"I do most of my homework in my room at the Theta Chi house. That's where I hang out most of the time too, since we don't have the TUB." – ***Steve Klebacha, senior***

"I do most of my studying in my room and I usually hang out at Phi Tau." – ***Holly Daugherty, senior***

"I used to be able to just chill in the top of the TUB, but now I'm forced to spend more time in the Hoyt library." – ***Pam Englert, sophomore***

"In my room." – ***Sarah Stankorb, senior***

"Sigma Nu on Saturday nights – good study sessions there." – ***Kevin Hughes, freshman***

"In my room at the Phi Kappa Tau house, or anywhere else at the Phi Tau house, or at the radio station." – ***Mike Cosgrove, senior***

"Now that the TUB is gone, I don't know what to do with myself. Sometimes I just sit in my room and stare at the walls – my life is nothing now that the TUB is gone." – ***Pat Grandy, junior***

Swearing: the origins of four-letter language

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

Just because this is a Presbyterian-affiliated school, it does not mean we are completely innocent. Personally, I do not think I know a single student here who has never used a curse word. Typically, what is your first thought when a professor announces a pop quiz? What is your first reaction when you spill your drink?

I hate to shift blame, especially because our generation often fails to accept responsibility, but I do not think our sometimes-obscene lexicon is entirely our faults. Television, movies, music, even literature – we have been barraged for most of our lives with images of violence and of course, with dirty language. Without realizing it, we have become quite familiar with curse words. We may not know where they come from, but we use them, some of us more than others.

I remember my junior year of high school when our English teacher told us where the "f-word" came from; it is an acronym ... you'll have to look it up yourself. Most of the other curse word origins are self-explanatory.

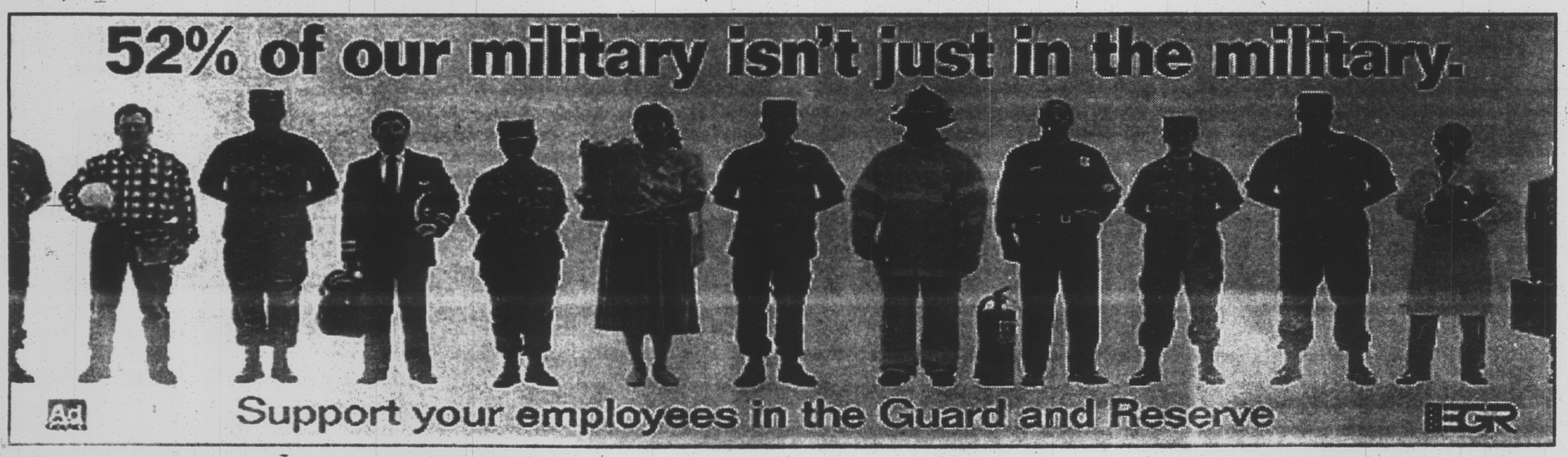
It is rare to walk through Patterson, regardless of time of day, and not hear someone swearing. Professors are not exempt, either. With the exception of my grandmother, I don't know anyone who has never used a curse word.

Swear words are not the only horrible vocabulary we use. Many adjectives are used to refer to various parts of the body. I won't list them ... you know what they are.

As much as our parents tried to shelter us when we were young, there were too many forces working against us. For instance, I was not even allowed to watch "The Simpsons" or "Roseanne" in my pre-teen years. Somehow, however, (I think it was on the school bus) I began to pick up a few swear words and a few adjectives for the human anatomy before I was 10 years old.

So why do we as educated (well, some of us, anyway) students continue to use derogatory words in our everyday language? You can't get much more sheltered than here (unless you consider Grove City), yet we are not immune. I even know some students here whose favorite words are curses. And what does that say about us as people? Do we lack a credible vocabulary? Perhaps ... but sometimes swear words just express emotion better. That is not really an excuse; no one is forcing these words from our mouths.

If you must use swear words, at least learn where they originated. Check out http://www.bizarremag.com/ask/words.html, or even the *Oxford English Dictionary*. If you must swear, at least be educated about it.



THEATRE WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

The Crucible

by Arthur Miller

November 8-10 at 7:30 p.m.
November 11 at 2 p.m.

Beeghly Theater

Tickets are FREE to the Westminster Community
Call ext. 7241 for reservations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL continues with the classic Saura film, *Cria*, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the Down Under. The story deals with a 9-year-old girl's struggle to reach maturity in a hostile world, and was nominated for Best Foreign Film of 1976. Free popcorn and soft drinks will be offered at 7:45 p.m.

YOUNG LIFE meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in Hoyt 165. It's a chance to get involved and meet new people. For more information contact Keturah Laney at EXT. 7117.

DAVID MEECE, sponsored by the Living Word Church, is scheduled for a free concert Saturday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church at (724) 946-8706.

THE FIRST SKI CLUB general meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Patterson 311. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Lydia at EXT. 6667.

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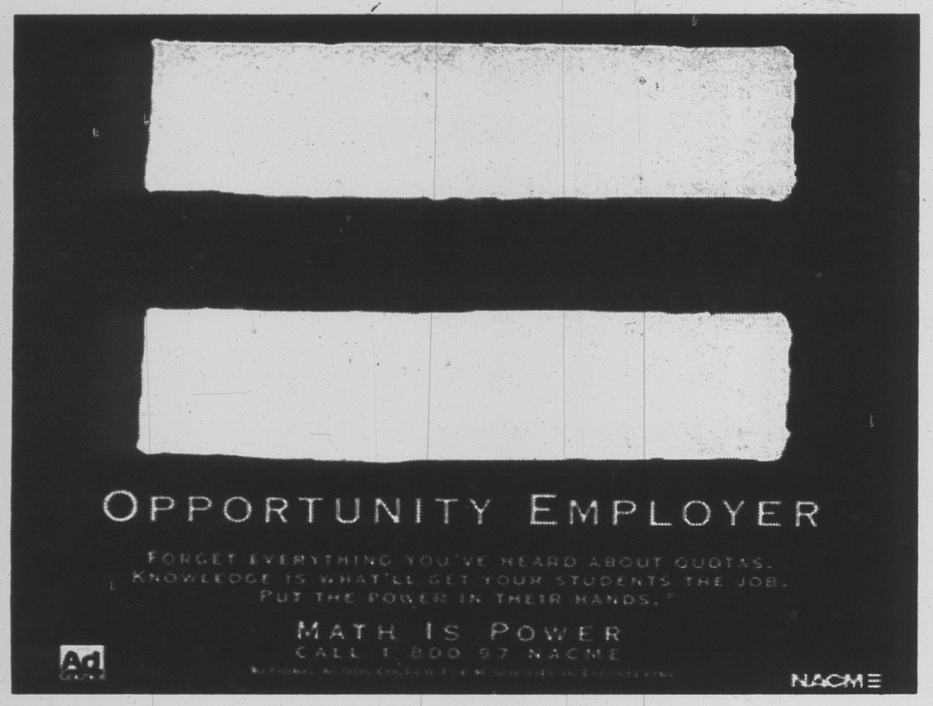
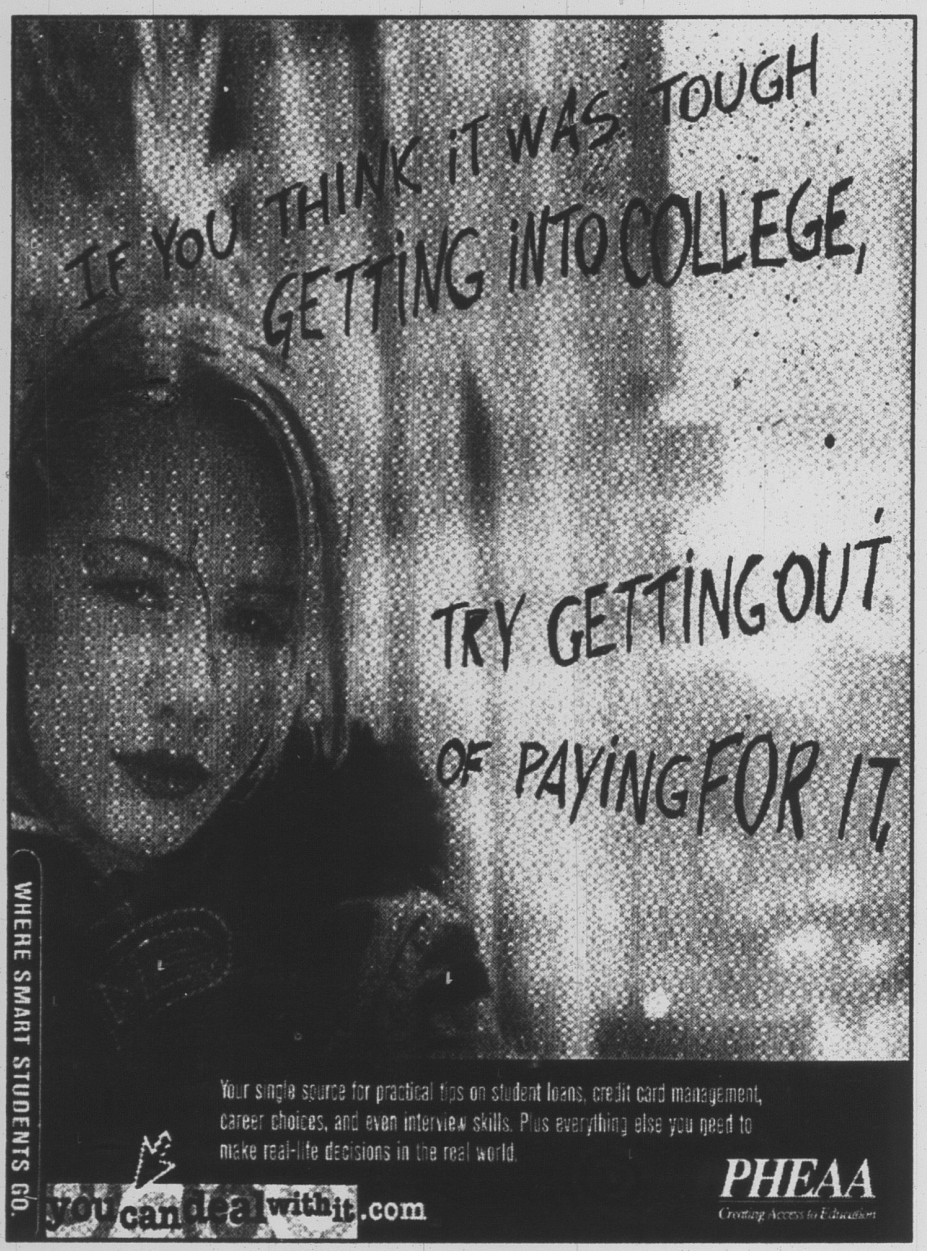
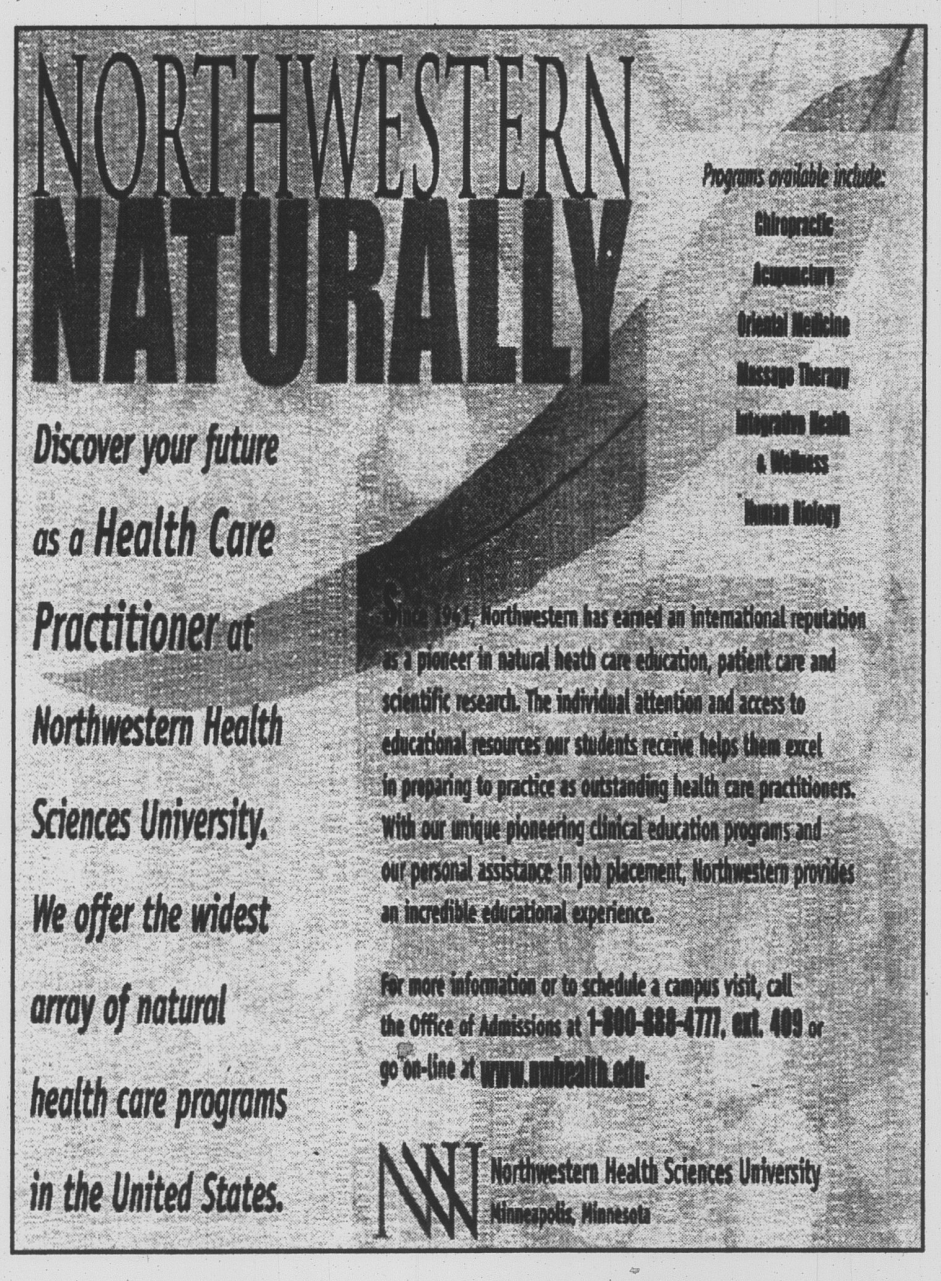
LOST: Gold Hoop Earring. Call EXT. 6659.







Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 9
11:40 a.m. Chapel
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: The Crucible — Beeghly Theater
6:00-8:00 p.m. Fall Overnight (Admissions Office) — Down Under
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Craig Schulman "On Broadway"
10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. JT's Café — Down Under

SATURDAY 10
CAMPUS VISITATION DAY
1:30 p.m. Football @ Waynesburg
5:00 p.m. Swimming vs. Edinboro (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
7:30 p.m. Campus Club Night at the Theatre — Beeghly Theater
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: The Crucible — Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents: Tim Young (comedian) — Down Under

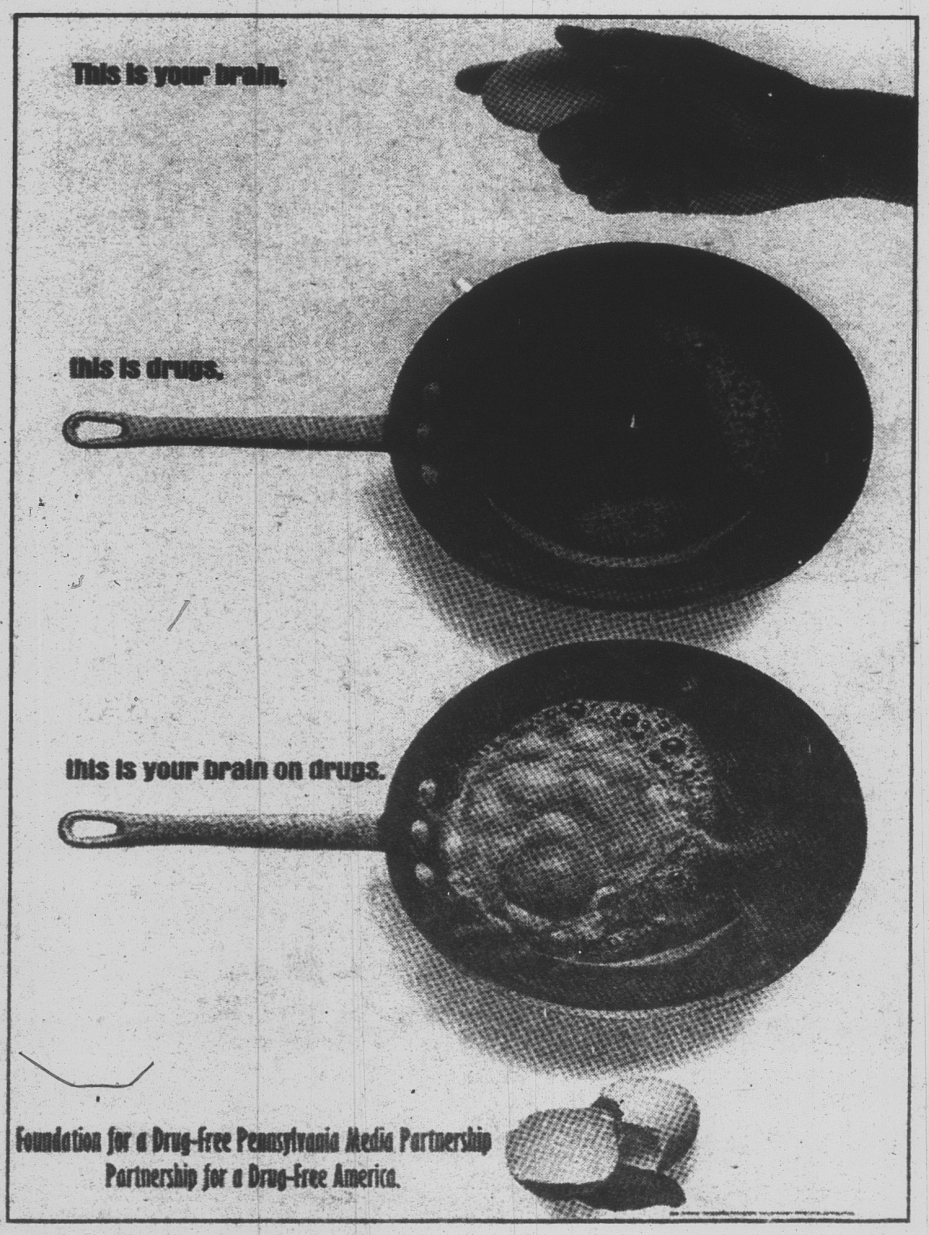
SUNDAY 11
VETERANS' DAY
2:00 p.m. Theatre Westminster: The Crucible — Beeghly Theater
3:00 p.m. Orchestra Concert — Orr Auditorium
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting — House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie: Legally Blonde — Down Under
9:00 p.m. Praise Practice — Chapel

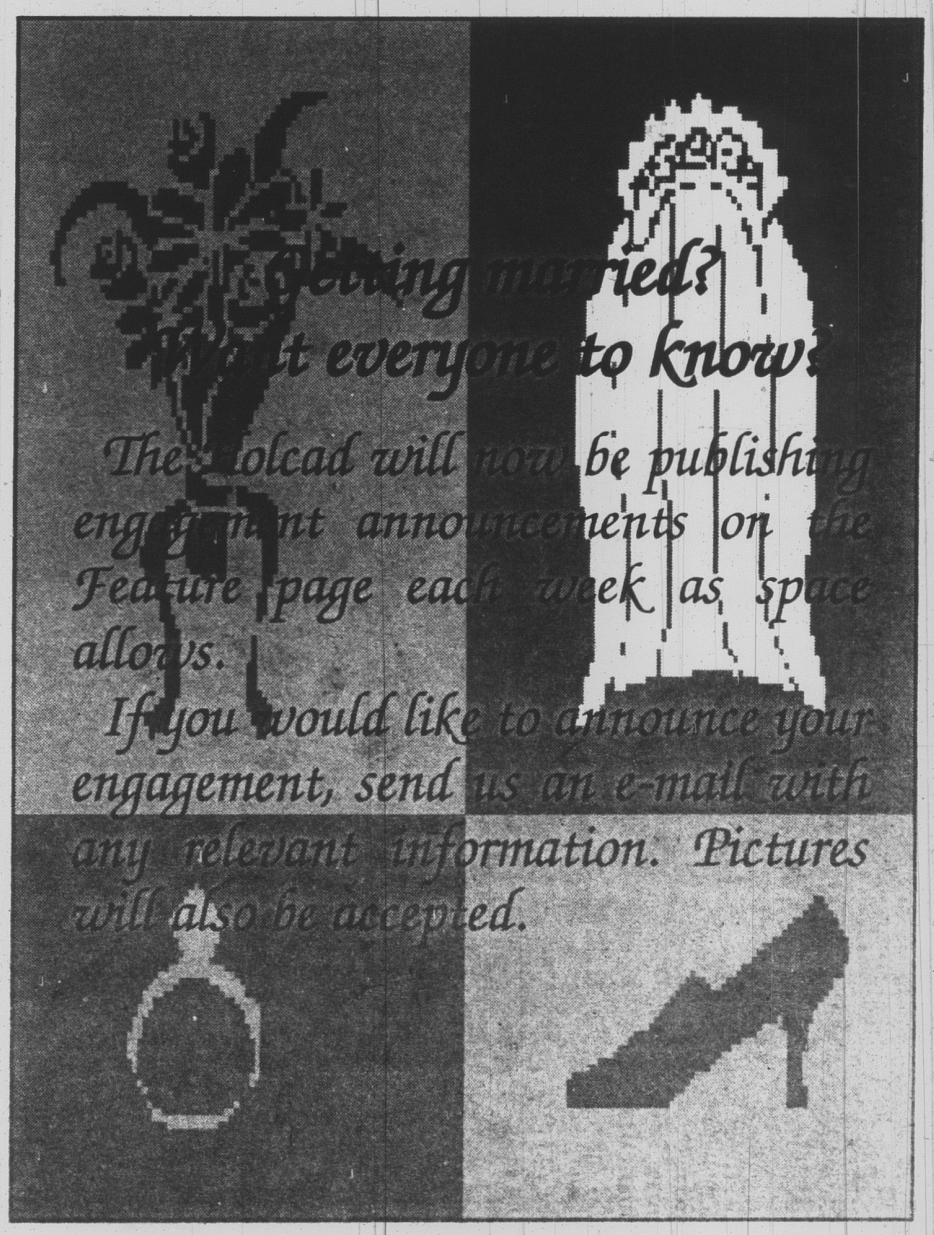
MONDAY 12
VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION
Deadline for Recipes for Sesquicentennial Cookbook
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship — Lindley Dining Room
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Josten Ring Day — Bookstore Lobby
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting — Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta — Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta — PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu — PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa — PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha — Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC
7:30 p.m. Women's Chorus/Men's Chorus Concert — Chapel
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting — PH 114
Alpha Gamma Delta Philanthropy: Caramel Apple/Cookie Sale

TUESDAY 13
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Josten Ring Day — Bookstore Lobby
4:00 p.m. Computer Science Colloquium — HSC 152
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship — Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal — Down Under
6:30 p.m. Circle K Meeting — PH 231
7:00 p.m. Orchestra — Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Foreign Film Festival: Cria — Down Under
9:00 p.m. Off-Campus Lottery

WEDNESDAY 14
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: T. J. Arant, Topic TBA
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting
8:00 p.m. Kappa Delta Informal Recruitment Party — Down Under
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship — Down Under
Zeta Tau Alpha Open House
Opera Workshop — Chapel

THURSDAY 15
9:30 a.m. CCO Staff Meeting — Down Under
7:00 p.m. Psychology Colloquium with Karen Diamond of Purdue: "Preschool Children's Ideas About People with Disabilities" — Phillips Lecture Hall (Hoyt G-12)
7:00 p.m. Art Gallery Talk: Prof. Richard Mitchell (YSU Photography Department), Digital I Imaging Exhibition — Patterson Art Gallery
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Star Gazing — Meet in Hoyt Science Center Lobby (weather permitting)
9:15 p.m. Scrawl Meeting — Down Under
Sigma Kappa Open House





At the Down Under

Nov. 10 - Saturday

8 p.m.

Comic: Tim Young

Upcoming Events Fall '01

Nov. 16 & 17: Inquiry Movie Weekend III

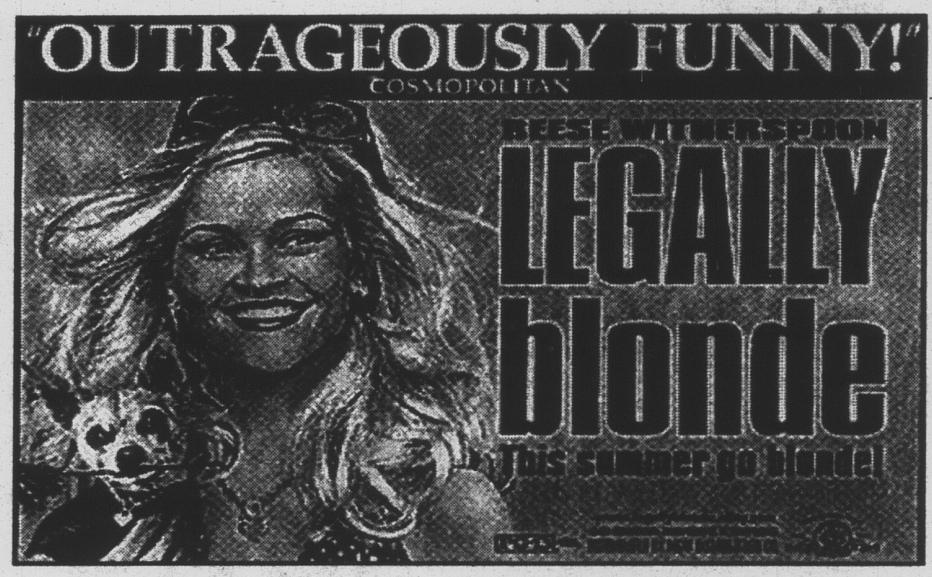
Nov. 27: Christmas tree decorating party

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1: Inquiry Movie Weekend IV

Nov. 11 - Sunday

9 p.m.
Movie: *Legally Blonde*
(is not an Inquiry movie)

As always, free popcorn, pop and cappuccino.



JT's Cafe

10:30 pm- opening band "The Fabulous Fall"

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts - you provide the chatter.

Featured Band - "Some are Heroes"

Baked goods will be available with the cappuccino. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, Nov. 9 from 10 p.m. til 2 a.m.

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New cards will replace dorm keys

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

When we get back from Christmas Break, students in Shaw, Jeffers, Eichenhauer and Russell will not need their dorm keys anymore. Instead of using keys, these students will be issued the newest form of dorm security, proximity cards.

The cards will work as both a Titan card and the only way to gain entry into the residence halls. The cards won't need to be swept through any mechanism; they will only need to be held up to the scanning device.

"The nice thing about this is that there are no movable parts to break or break off," Neal Edman, dean of Student Affairs, said. The cards will only need to be held within a few inches of the device; students will possibly be able to leave cards in wallets or bags.

Proximity cards will cut down on the number of lost keys. When a proximity card is lost, that specific card's number can be deleted from the computer, denying access to the building for that specific card.

These cards will be great for holidays and summer breaks as well. The computer can be programmed to deny access to all people attempting to gain entry without permission during these downtimes.

The computer will keep a record of the time and date people use their proximity cards. This information will only be used when someone is hurt, something is stolen or severe damage is done to the building.

"We don't want to know what time someone is coming in and out and don't care to know unless we have to," Edman said.

The funds to support the installation of these proximity cards are provided by the residence hall improvement fund. The remaining four dormitories will hopefully have these proximity card readers by the time the new

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Workers take precautions

By Sara Ialongo
STAFF WRITER

The anthrax scare has struck fear into the hearts of mailroom workers across the country. To combat this fear and calm the worries of staff, safety procedures have been developed for dealing with suspicious items.

Debbie White, supervisor of the campus post office, said that the college is taking the necessary precautions without becoming too paranoid. "Some colleges have moved the mailrooms away from the cafeteria completely ... but we don't feel that is necessary," White said. The schools that have moved the mailrooms away from the cafeteria have done so to avoid food contamination.

With a bottle of anti-bacterial hand gel beside her, White explained that all the workers in the mailroom must wear rubber gloves while handling the mail and must frequently wash their hands with soap and water.

One mailroom worker, senior Matt Pournaras, is not concerned about anthrax. "I love working in the mailroom," Pournaras said. "This is Westminster ... I don't think someone would come after a small community."

White said that the metered packages are scanned for anthrax; the packages with stamps sometimes do not get scanned. "We are metering a lot more letters, and staying away from using stamps," White said.

Photo by Kristin Park

Mailroom workers wear gloves when sorting through the mail.

The campus post office has received no anthrax threats, but is prepared in case it does. Suspicious mail is to be placed in an airtight bag or covered with a box. Campus security is then to be notified immediately.

John Lechner, assistant dean for Student Affairs and Public Safety, provided handouts about anthrax along with tips to identify a suspicious package.

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Students tested for anthrax

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

Students are aware of the new and credible threat of anthrax, but when Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa. received a suspicious package from Egypt, it brought the threat a little too close to home.

The package arrived at the Admissions Department on Tuesday, Oct. 30. The school immediately told everyone who had walked through or been in the building for any amount of time between 11:15 and 1:15 to go home and shower. They were then required to bring their clothes in a plastic bag to the field house in case anthrax spores had attached to anyone's clothing. Five hundred students and faculty members were tested and given Cipiro immediately.

A senior education major, Evie Leap, lives with someone who actually handled the package. She was student teaching when someone came into her classroom and told her she needed to leave the school immediately to be tested. "They treated us like we were diseased and were afraid to be around us," Leap said.

Leap was tested by means of a nose swab. She was not allowed to return to student teaching until she could bring a doctor's

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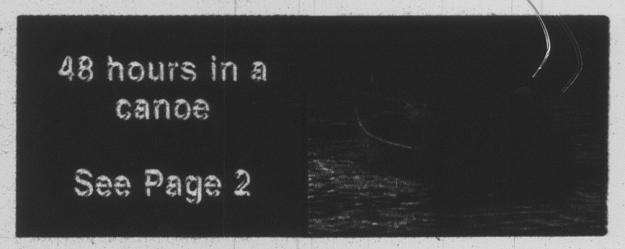

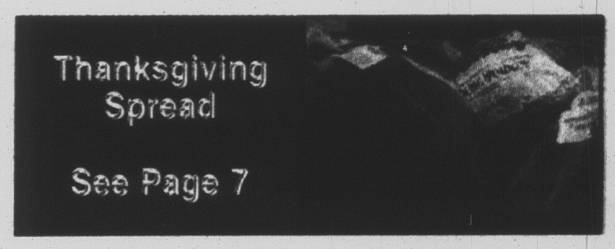

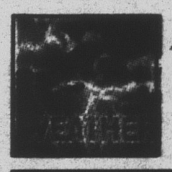

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CAMPUS NEWS

Virus causes network to redirect students to porn sites

By Jon McKay and Biz Adams
STAFF WRITERS

Students on campus attempting to use the Internet during the evening of Sunday, Nov. 4 were surprised to find a page of links to gambling and pornographic sites instead of their intended web destinations.

A virus from an unknown source, which penetrated a hole in the Domain Name Server, caused the problem. The DNS, furnished by Microsoft Windows 2000, translates numerical IP addresses into website names. Whenever a student typed in an address on Nov. 4, the DNS, instead of reading the address correctly, automatically sent the student to the page containing the links.

"The virus poisoned the cache, which is responsible for remembering the sites a computer has visited," said Kelly Hartner, network manager. "So if a student typed in www.disney.com, instead of the computer reading it as such, the computer thought it was supposed to take the user to the site with the gambling and pornographic links."

To repair the problem, Brano Cikel, assistant network manager, installed a patch from Microsoft. Hartner and Cikel had the problem fixed Monday morning.

"This repair should prevent this from happening again, at least that is what Microsoft is telling us," Cikel said. "The problem I have with all of this is that Microsoft has known about this for years, and they haven't fixed it within the program. Instead, they make us fix it by installing a patch after it has happened."

A similar problem occurred in the DNS two weeks earlier. When network users entered a web address that did not exist, the same page with the same links appeared. On Nov. 4, the page appeared when an Internet user entered a web address ending in ".com."

"After the first time, we installed a patch, and the problem stopped," Hartner said. "Now after this time, we've installed a better one and Microsoft assured us that this one will keep this from occurring again."

The question remains as to who is responsible for both violations. "It is impossible to tell," Cikel said. "I don't know why someone from inside the network would do it. As for someone on the outside, it could be a person who wanted to advertise for one of the sites, or just someone who wanted to cause problems. I don't understand it."

Student creates website devoted to freeing the Orb

By Nancy Wicks
STAFF WRITER

"The Orb" has been a conversation piece, a meeting place and a work of art on campus for the last 30 years.

It is now behind the construction fence for the new student center and students do not have access to it.

Sophomore music major Sara Kimbell decided to help the Orb by making a website devoted to freeing it from the confines of the construction fence.

"Westminster is really neat to have the art work outside for everyone to see and enjoy," Kimbell said. "You do not find this type of art work at other college campuses."

In May 2001, Physical Plant Director Owen Wagner sent the campus community an e-mail survey about the Orb.

The survey asked people what they would like the college to do with the Orb.

The options were to relocate it (it needed to be moved to place the new electrical lines for the student center) or to turn it over to its owner, Philip Herman.

Wagner only received 48 responses. Of those, 35 said to keep the Orb, nine said to return it to the owner, and four were indifferent.

Because the construction company placed the electrical lines around the Orb, it does not have to be moved. The Orb will be available to the campus again when construction is completed in 2003.

The creator of the Orb was a freshman art major in 1971-72. His class project was called The Geodesic Sphere, now the Orb.

"Herman, with the help of other students, built the sphere," said Ron Pennington, custodial supervisor of the Physical Plant. "Herman was only at Westminster for one year and he went to New York and became a renowned artist."

Pennington was one of the students who helped build the Orb. He said students have rolled the sphere to the lake numerous times. "The sphere was then placed in its present location in the slab of cement so it could not be moved," Pennington said.

To learn more about the Orb, log onto the "Free The Orb!" website at http://www.geocities.com/westminsterorb. There are over 300 names on the site's guest book.

Holcad File Photo
The Orb is now imprisoned behind a construction fence.

"I never thought that the website would get this kind of response," Kimbell said. "Each day more people are signing in."

Man raises Georgia trip awareness by sitting in canoe

Photo by Kristin Park
Steve Montgomery will spend two days in a canoe to raise awareness for the Georgia trip.

By Erin Chittock
STAFF WRITER

From Thursday, Nov. 15 to Saturday, Nov. 17, Steve Montgomery, Titan Traverse director, will live in a canoe in Brittain Lake to raise money and to promote the Spring Break trip to Cumberland Island, a national seashore off the coast of Georgia.

Headed by Titan Traverse, the trip from March 8-16 is open to the entire campus. The trip will cost $200-$300, depending on the amount of money raised.

"Living on Cumberland Island is such a refuge for me," Montgomery said. "It is a pristine vacation wrapped up in a wilderness environment that provides me with rest. Add to that the company of Westminster folks and the experience had come alive for me."

Wild horses, vast, untouched sand dunes, endless miles of delicate, white-sand beaches and salty breezes from the Atlantic Ocean are a few things Montgomery recalls from his past two trips to the island.

The theme of the trip is how males and females interact within their own gender and relate to the opposite sex. "Connections are what it is all about," Ryan Mensch, sophomore student facilitator, pointed out.

Student facilitators take part in leading the trip and devising the plans. Senior facilitator, Matt Scholl, and Mensch will co-lead the men. Facilitators Allison Kennedy, junior, and sophomores Tara Neely and Erin Chittock, will co-lead the women.

For Neely, leading the trip is a great opportunity. "Last year we made amazing connections due to the dynamics of the leaders," she said. She said she is looking forward to using her leadership skills in making the experience memorable for others this year.

Kristen Humphries, freshman, took part in the Adventures of Leadership trip to Otter Creek, West Va., offered to incoming freshmen this past August.

She said she plans to apply for the Spring Break trip. "I am very much looking forward to the trip, because of the awesome experiences I have had on trips in the past," she said. She said she has learned a great deal about herself, developed meaningful relationships, and learned to challenge herself through her interaction with Titan Traverse.

For all who are interested, visit Steve on the lake during an informational meeting at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16 by the rock. Students can also get applications by e-mailing Steve Montgomery at titantraverse@westminster.edu. Applications are to be turned in by Nov. 30. Students will be contacted on Reading Day if they are selected for the trip. A $100 deposit must be turned in by Jan. 21 to secure a spot for the trip.

School to celebrate 150th anniversary with big bash

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

The year of 2002 is the 150th anniversary for the college, and the school plans to pack the year full of events for students and alumni.

The college will start the year off right with a party planned for students after Christmas Break. Abby Wessel, the Campus Programming Committee chair, plans to reserve the field house for a night of fun. "Hopefully we will have a Velcro wall, a giant slide, sumo wrestling and a hypnotist," Wessel said.

Currently there are some problems with reserving the field house due to practices and a junior varsity basketball game. An SGA committee has been designated to help with plans for the celebration including the reservation of a place to have the party. "We're hoping to get more student organizations involved as well," Wessel said. There are brochures on a table outside Student Affairs for any organizations interested in becoming involved.

Although the party is planned for students, there are many events planned for the entire year of 2002 that involve everyone at the college.

There are many lectures and reunions planned over the 12 months of 2002. Gloria Cagigas, vice president for Institutional Advancement, is a member of a planning committee composed of students, alumni, faculty and staff. The committee has been planning for the sesquicentennial celebration since January of 2000.

Monday, Jan. 21, Founders Day, will be the kick-off day for a year of celebration. The college will have alumni celebrations all over the country starting in Florida. There are also reunions and speakers planned.

On April 13, a Women of Westminster Seminar has been scheduled. Successful women graduates will be returning to speak and teach all who are interested.

"Hopefully we will be able to learn something from them," Cagigas said.

Pictures of a snow-covered Old Main are being sold at the bookstore for $100. Other anniversary items are being sold at the bookstore including candy dishes, ornaments, plates and trays. A book entitled *Glorious, Grand and True* is also being done to recount the long history of the college.

"This will be an exciting time to be a part of Westminster College and we plan to maintain a spirit of celebration all year round," Cagigas said.

SWAT officially recognized as campus organization

By Ian Willard
STAFF WRITER

The Student Westminster Admissions Team is an organization that every student comes in contact with, but few know much about.

SWAT members greet prospective students and their parents, give tours and work on visitation days.

Junior Melissa Batulis is the vice president of finance for the organization. She said the group is crucial to recruitment process.

"SWAT is an important organization because it gives prospective students a chance to interact with students at the school they are interested in. SWAT members become a resource to these students in their college search," Batulis said.

SWAT adviser, Jason Nevinger, said he feels the members of the organization connect with prospective students in ways that faculty cannot.

"To be honest, we couldn't do our job without SWAT members," Nevinger said. "They give a prospective student a more credible source than we can. An admissions worker can give facts out like cost and how much financial aid they are eligible for, but when it comes to explaining how day to day living goes on around here, SWAT can do it much better."

The program began in the fall of 1988. It originated from the Student Recruitment Committee of the Student Alumni Association. This is the first year that the group will be led by elected officers and officially recognized as a campus organization eligible for funding.

The organization has 70 members this semester, and usually maintains a strong membership. Nevinger says it is an impressive number for a volunteer organization of that nature.

"This school is really blessed with students who want to volunteer and appreciate being involved with their school," Nevinger said. "It shows how important this school can be to a current student. In fact, when talk to people from other schools at job fairs and conventions, they are always impressed that our students are so eager to help, and even do it for free."

SWAT members also benefit from their membership in the organization. Senior Mindy Falk said, "It's a very good experience that can prepare me for my future profession in public relations. It helps to enhance my communication skills."

In order to join the group, students must have a 2.5 QPA. It is also preferred if students have leadership experience on campus.

Students who are interested can apply in the spring. Applications are posted on campus, or Jason Nevinger can be contacted at the admissions office.

Photo by Kristin Park

SWAT member Heather Ferriero gives a tour to prospective students.

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excuse that said she was not a potential carrier of anthrax. Leap has since returned to student teaching after testing negative for anthrax.

The package also tested negative, but students have not yet been told what the powdery substance on the package was. "I'm sure we will be the last to know," Leap said.

Students at Mercyhurst are starting to get back to normal. "No one is really afraid now, everything is starting to get back to normal. When it happened everyone was definitely concerned, no one went out for Halloween or anything," Leap said.

Students at Mercyhurst said their school may be a target for multiple reasons. Their anthropology department was involved in the identification process at the crash site in Somerset, Pa. Also, a teacher was once involved with the FBI in an anti-terrorist department. Finally, Tom Ridge, the new head of Homeland Security, is from Erie.

Although the package tested negative for anthrax, the scare made many colleges in the area re-evaluate their action plans or create new ones for possible disasters.

"We realized we needed to brush up on an action plan for national calamities and terrorist acts," Neal Edman, dean of Student Affairs, said.

Weeks before the Mercyhurst scare occurred, Westminster began drafting a plan that worked with local schools and police. The plan includes an evacuation and a chain of contacts who must be notified in the case of a disaster.

Dickinson College, The University of Pitt and Millersville University have all received threats that led them to believe they would be the targets of terrorist activity. So far none of these threats have proven true. "These kind of hoaxes are everywhere, hopefully they are subsiding now," Edman said.

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Lechner said there is always a possibility that people may be endangered, but our campus authorities are prepared. "Up to this point we have no reason to suspect anything," Lechner said.

White has noticed that incoming mail has slowed down since the increase of anthrax occurrences. "There has been a delay in the mail process," White said. "I tell all my employees to slow down and be extra careful with the mail."

A list of safety precautions, provided by the United States Postal Service, is hanging by the mailboxes. Warning signs of suspicious mail include: an unexpected or unknown sender, no return address, lumpy or lopsided envelopes, and excessive amounts of tape or postage. One should avoid handling the package and should notify a local law enforcement authority immediately. Hands should be washed thoroughly and often.

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student union building is completed.

"Our hope is to do it within two years, we want to be on the fast track. We also have to wait to see what the budget looks like," Edman said.

These dorms were chosen because so many conferences and athletic camps use these buildings during the summer. Also, Eichenhauer is the largest dorm on campus with about 250 residents and it experiences more damage than the other buildings. These dorms will continue to lock on the usual schedule; the cards won't need to be used at all times. The school has not yet decided on a cost for lost cards.

For more campus news, check out Westminster Weekly at
http://www.westminster.edu/News/weekly/

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Racially-motivated killer receives death sentence

By Dan Nephin
AP WRITER

PITTSBURGH - A black man was sentenced to death Sunday for killing three white men in a racially motivated shooting rampage.

Ronald Taylor, 41, was convicted in the March 1, 2000, violence that started at his apartment in suburban Wilkinsburg and continued at two nearby restaurants.

The jury, which took two days to reach its decision, had the option of sentencing Taylor to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Judge Lawrence O'Toole will formally sentence Taylor, who is bound by the jury's decision on the three first-degree murder charges. No date was set for the formal sentencing, which will make Taylor the 246th person on Pennsylvania's death row.

"I feel Mr. Taylor brought it on himself," said Michaela Sanielevici, whose 20-year-old son, Emil, was among those killed.

Defense lawyers had argued that Taylor was insane and suffered from delusions that whites were persecuting him. At the time of the killings, he was unemployed and receiving disability checks because of mental illness.

Defense attorney Lisa Middleman said she was disappointed by the decision. She had asked the jurors to show compassion because of Taylor's mental state.

"It's very hard to have faith in a system that puts severely mentally ill, mentally retarded, abused people to death," she said Sunday.

Prosecutors maintained that Taylor knew what he was doing when he targeted whites. Even a defense psychiatrist testified that Taylor "had an awareness" that killing was considered wrong.

During the trial, prosecutors showed jurors copies of hate writings found in Taylor's apartment that railed at whites, Jews and homosexuals. One of the writings said, "Jesus Christ made a very big, costly mistake by putting white trash people on the face of the earth."

The killings started when Taylor became angry at workers who were fixing a door at his apartment and fatally shot worker John Kroll, 55.

Taylor then walked to the fast-food restaurants, killing two more men and wounding two others.

Next, he went to a nearby office building and threatened to kill white people there. He surrendered after a two-hour standoff with police.

In May, another Allegheny County jury convicted and sentenced to death Richard Baumhammers, a white, unemployed lawyer who killed his Jewish neighbor, a black man and men from China, India and Vietnam.

Gov. Schweiker signs largest mass of pardons in Pa. history

HARRISBURG, Pa. - Dick Tyger thought he was the ideal candidate for a state pardon.

He was charged with felony larceny in 1963 for stealing an oversized flowerpot as part of a prank.

"It was a joke.We were drunk," said Tyger, 56. "We were 18."

Since then, he has not run afoul of the law and has devoted a dozen years of his life as a township supervisor in western Pennsylvania. Therefore, the state's Board of Pardons recommended in December to then-Gov. Tom Ridge that Tyger's youthful indiscretion be erased from his record.

But Ridge didn't sign the pardon, or 191 others left on his desk--some for years--before he went to Washington last month to become President Bush's head of homeland security.

"I was getting perturbed. I was waiting and waiting and waiting some more," said Tyger, who started the pardon process two years ago. "I just figured it was just laying in a pile somewhere."

Last week, Tyger got a surprise in the mail--his pardon, signed by Ridge's successor, Gov. Mark Schweiker.

In what has been believed to be the largest batch of mass pardons by a Pennsylvania governor in recent memory, Schweiker signed Tyger's pardon and those of 51 others on Oct. 24. Aides said he will do the same for the remaining 140 Ridge leftovers soon.

"We're making a lot of people happy," said Jennifer Glass, who processes pardon requests for the state.

In Pennsylvania, the only way to get a conviction expunged from your criminal record is to go through a lengthy pardons process. Only about a third of those who apply get recommended for pardons. And fewer still get their pardons approved by the governor.

Under Ridge, those recommended by the board had a slightly worse than 50-50 chance of getting a pardon. In his nearly seven years as governor, Ridge signed 271 of the 582 pardons to reach his desk. Some recommendations had remained untouched for more than five years.

"No one expected him to leave when he did and he probably would have made decisions on all pending applications" before his second term was up in January 2003, said David La Torre, a Ridge-turned-Schweiker spokesman.

Although he is under no obligation to approve the pardons, it would be difficult for Schweiker to do otherwise. As lieutenant governor, he was chairman of the Pardons Board and voted for all of the cases now awaiting his approval.

Schweiker's knowledge of the process makes him more empathetic to those seeking clemency, said Pardons Board Secretary Nelson Zullinger.

"He's questioned them, delved into their lives," said Zullinger, referring to hearings before the board. "He's seen their tears, their remorse."

Many of those seeking clemency believe their records would interfere with getting a state teaching certificate, a social worker's license or other jobs.

Tyger had all but forgotten about his arrest until two years ago when he won a .22-caliber rifle in a raffle. The gun shop clerk said he couldn't give it to him because of the felony.

"I laughed. I couldn't believe it," said Tyger, a deputy sheriff in McKean County, describing the events that led him to seek a pardon. "It was a flowerpot. A joke. A $24 flowerpot."

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Nonprofit organization fights housing discrimination

A small nonprofit Pittsburgh organization that fights housing discrimination says a $250,000 grant from the federal government will allow it to hire more workers, including a lawyer, and to conduct more field tests.

"We will be able to do a lot more next year than the previous two years. We will be able to expand and do more testing," said Steven Paikin, executive director of the Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh.

The grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will allow the 13-year-old group, which files 20 to 30 discrimination complaints a year with the federal government, to hire a lawyer for the first time and expand into neighboring counties.

"That's the lifeblood of our agency. We depend very heavily on these grants," Paikin said.

Suburban hunt kills 27 deer

BETHEL PARK, Pa. - The first of three planned hunts this year in a suburban Pittsburgh community to control the deer population appears on target to meet or surpass the 60 deer killed last year.

Archery hunters killed 27 deer as of Saturday in South, Simmons and Millennium parks. The next hunting periods are Nov. 26 to Dec. 8 and Dec. 26 to Jan. 12.

No accidents, injuries or violations were reported, said Bethel Park police Lt. Dave Rogan.

Despite opposition, Bethel Park Council decided in April to continue with the hunt. In the hunt's five years, 420 deer have been killed.

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NATIONAL

President Bush speaks at Veterans Day tribute in NYC

By Ron Fournier
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NEW YORK - President Bush, touring the World Trade Center's smoking rubble two months after suicide hijackings, called on Americans to remember "the terrible harm that an enemy can inflict" as they reflect anew on the sacrifices of their military.

In a Veterans Day tribute, the commander in chief said attacks on New York, Washington and Pennsylvania deepened the nation's debt to soldiers who fight abroad, and police and firefighters who serve at home.

"The great purpose of our great land ... is to rid the world of evil and terror," Bush said at a Veterans Day breakfast as he thumped the lectern.

"Evil ones have roused a mighty nation, a mighty land. And for however long it takes, I am determined that we will prevail. And prevail we must, because we fight for one thing-and that is the freedom of our people and the freedom of people everywhere."

Several hundred veterans, uniformed soldiers and police jumped to their feet and filled a cavernous military armory building with applause. The speech, Bush's first Veterans Day address as president, was his only public remark on the final day of his two-day U.N. visit.

He met privately with the presidents of South Africa, Argentina and Colombia before attending a U.N. ceremony at the site of the collapsed twin towers in lower Manhattan.

Actor Ron Silver methodically read the names of each country that lost citizens in the Sept. 11 attacks. An honor guard carried each country's flag and planted it in stanchions set in front of the dignitaries.

Bush, his eyes watery, walked over to a wall listing the names of the nations. Just beneath the name of the United States, he wrote, "Good will triumph over evil. May God bless all of us. George W. Bush."

During the ceremony, Bush bowed his head and tightly closed his eyes as Bishop Patrick Sheridan of New York said, "The victims of vicious cruelty and diabolic revenge, they were members of the human family."

A Muslim cleric and a rabbi also delivered prayers.

Bush looked out over the devastation, framed by three red excavation cranes that stretched into the blue sky. An American flag, wrinkled and discolored by soot, flew from a guide wire that hung down from one of the cranes.

It was Bush's first visit to the site since Sept. 14, when he waded into the ruins with a bullhorn in one hand and an American flag in the other.

"I can hear you," Bush told hundreds of weary rescue workers in one of the more memorable moments of his presidency. "The rest of the world hears you, and the people who knocked these building down will hear all of us soon."

At the Veterans Day breakfast, Bush said the attacks rekindled respect for police and firefighters.

"Whenever an American hears the word police or fire, we think differently. We think differently about the job," Bush said. "We think differently about the character of those who serve on a daily basis. We think differently about those who go to work every single day to protect us and save us and comfort us."

He flashed the Port Authority Police Department badge--No. 1012--that belonged to George Howard. Howard, who rescued an elevator packed with children during the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, died in the Sept. 11 attack.

Howard's mother, Arlene, gave the badge to Bush in September. She attended Sunday's address.

"In a time of war, we look a little differently at our veterans, too," Bush said. Veterans Day tributes are "made with a little greater feeling, because Americans have seen the terrible harm that an enemy can inflict. And it has left us deeply grateful for the men and women who rise strongly in the defense of our nation," he said.

Earlier Sunday, Bush and Argentine President Fernando de la Rua discussed establishing a mechanism for examining particular trade issues as they arise, according to an administration official. In Argentina's case, the official said, there are concerns about steel and citrus, and "we have questions involving tariffs in general."

They also talked about de la Rua's efforts to work with the IMF on restructuring Argentina's debt and the country's austerity plan. "He emphasized that Argentina is going to stay that particular course," the official said.

In a separate meeting, South African President Thabo Mbeki briefed Bush about ongoing peace efforts in Burundi, being negotiated by former President Nelson Mandela, a second administration official said. Bush is to meet with Mandela at the White House on Monday.

Supreme Court considering random drug testing for all students

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MINNEAPOLIS - Six years after its controversial ruling allowing random drug testing, without suspicion, of high school athletes, the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to consider whether such testing can be extended to students in non-athletic activities.

The case involved a suit brought against Pottawatomie County, Okla., school officials for their policy of randomly testing students participating in sports, the cheerleading squad, choir, band, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America and the academic team. Students who refused to submit to the tests were not allowed to participate in their clubs at regional, state or national levels.

The high court should not pass up the opportunity to reverse its abysmal 1995 ruling that public school student athletes have a "lesser expectation of privacy" and are subjected to unwarranted drug testing. The Fourth Amendment's search and seizure clause explicitly requires probable cause before any government agent--including a public school employee--executes a search. Before the 1995 case, the Supreme Court had repeatedly and consistently applied the Constitution to the public schools. Indeed, as Justice Robert H. Jackson wrote in one such case, "That they are educating the young for citizenship is reason for scrupulous protection of Constitutional freedoms of the individual, if we are not to strangle the free mind at its source and teach youth to discount important principles of our government as mere platitudes."

Denying the full protections of the Bill of Rights in schools is particularly disturbing in light the of states' power upheld by the Supreme Court--to force children to attend schools. If the high court expands the "limited expectation of privacy" rationale for random drug testing, it will reinforce the principle that the government may force citizens into a location or social status in which they have a lesser claim to rights than they would otherwise have had. This policy is normally reserved for convicted criminals sentenced to prison, and extending its reasoning to the nation's millions of public school students is, as it was in 1995, an unreasonable and unconstitutional expansion of government power.

From a policy perspective, this approach makes even less sense, since, as the students in the current case argued, the clubs affected by the drug-testing requirement were the very organizations that have been shown to reduce drug use in the first place. The program in the case being appealed, for example, has screened 505 students. Only three have tested positive, and all three were sports participants, not members of the clubs to which the Supreme Court is being asked to extend its 1995 ruling.

This dangerous and self-defeating drug control plan does not deserve to be taken seriously, and it certainly does not deserve to be dignified by the Supreme Court.

INTERNATIONAL

Northern alliance gathering troops north of Kabul

By Kathy Gannon
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KABUL, Afghanistan - Hunched over a wooden chair in front of his bicycle parts store in north Kabul, Saeed Abbas discussed the latest developments on the war front. It was getting closer, and would soon be at his doorstep, he feared.

Northern alliance troops were reportedly massing troops north of Kabul. Bolstered by their victories in northern Afghanistan and the fall of the city of Mazar-e-Sharif, the opposition is now turning its sights on the capital of this war-shattered country.

The ruling Taliban set up checkpoints on most of the key intersections in the capital, stopping vehicles, searching passengers and looking for possible infiltrators from the north.

"We hear the bombs falling on the front line and now that Mazar-e-Sharif is gone, we know that they will soon be coming here," Abbas said Sunday.

Abbas is an ethnic Tajik like the titular head of the northern alliance Burhaunddin Rabbani and many of the fighters who make up the anti-Taliban opposition.

However, the prospect of his fellow Tajiks and others in the alliance seizing power in Kabul again is frightening to Abbas. He and others in Kabul remember the bitter fighting, the daily rocket barrages and the constant fear of death that marked the four years when factions now allied against the Taliban ruled the city in the past decade.

From 1992 until the Taliban seized Kabul in 1996, the factions turned the city into a war zone, with each group controlling parts of the urban area. They flattened entire neighborhoods with rockets and mortars and planted land mines and booby traps across vast areas of the city.

Abbas picked up one of two steel crutches that lay by his side. "We will need more of these," Abbas said.

His left leg is missing above the knee. He stepped on a land mine planted by rival factions during the four years of chaos.

"I was not a soldier. I was just going from one part of the city to the another and this happened," he said, showing his amputated leg.

On Saturday, U.S. President George W. Bush urged the northern alliance to advance on Kabul but avoid taking the capital until a government that represents all Afghanistan's ethnic groups can be put together.

The northern alliance largely represents minority ethnic groups, like Tajiks, Uzbeks and Hazaras. These ethnic groups dominate the northern half of the country, where the alliance has so far been successful.

The backbone of the Taliban is ethnic Pashtuns, the dominant group nationwide.

"I don't care who is Tajik, who is Pashtun, who is Uzbek," Abbas said. "All I care about is that peace comes to Kabul."

Many others in this city of one million share Abbas' fears.

"We have no money," said Abdul Ahad, speaking in his threadbare, one-room cement shop in the city's Khair Khana district. "We can't escape."

Saeed Ghana stepped into Ahad's knick-knack shop and squatted down on the bicycle in one corner. He listened for a while to the conversation before introducing himself.

"I was a pilot," he said. "Now I am a porter." Ghana said he flew Russian-made MiG-21s for the pro-communist government during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. He wears several layers of clothes against the cold--all of them tattered and worn. He laughs when he talks about his job.

"I should have run away when I could. I didn't and now I can't," he said. There was no real bitterness in his voice--only resignation.

"Fighting has created a desert in this country. One leader is the same as another," Ghana said. "The people are not important, only power."

Six men, who have gathered in the store, all shake their heads in agreement. They are all wearing long, unkempt beards demanded by the Taliban. The day is chilly, about 10 Celsius (50 F). They are wrapped in the traditional woolen shawl worn by men in Afghanistan.

The conversation eventually turns to Osama bin Laden, accused by the United States of orchestrating the deadly Sept. 11 attacks that killed 4,500 people.

Bush ordered air strikes on Afghanistan on Oct. 7 after the Taliban refused to hand over bin Laden and shut down his al-Qaida network.

"We think that what happened there in America is very sad. We know that they must be very angry," said Shaft Allah, a gray-bearded teacher. "But we don't know where Osama is. We don't know how can they get Osama."

Abdul Kabir, who clears unexploded ordnance from the city, has little hope for peace.

"All the doors to peace have been closed for Kabul," said Kabir as he browsed through a table of used household items: several plates, many of them chipped, a gas lamp, a bundle of forks tied with an elastic band, an old red purse and a black one.

"We have nowhere to go and no one who will bring an end to all our suffering," he said. "Our stomachs are empty, our children have no future. What is left for us?"

Homemade grenade kills boy in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - A teen-age boy died Sunday after a homemade grenade exploded in his hand during clashes between rival Catholic and Protestant groups in north Belfast, police said.

Police said the 17-year-old was preparing to throw the device during clashes along a sectarian front line that has seen frequent rioting in recent months. Police have not released the boy's name, but he was believed to be Protestant.

"It exploded in his hand causing injuries to his head and arm," a police spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The spokesman added that officers saw the youth moving forward with the device in his hand.

But Eddie McClean, a Protestant community worker from the area, denied the youth was preparing to throw the bomb when it exploded. He said Catholics had initially thrown the device and the youth was merely trying to throw it away--a claim that Catholic groups deny.

Officers in riot gear were drafted into the area to keep the rival factions apart, police said. Widespread disorder was continuing in the area, the spokesman added.

Two other men were injured in the explosion while 17 police officers and two soldiers were injured during the riots, police said. No further details of those injuries were immediately available.

Police and civilian vehicles were burned and damaged; while more than 50 petrol bombs were hurled by rival factions, police said.

Northern Ireland Security Minister Jane Kennedy described the teen-ager's death as an appalling waste.

"Once again it shows that sectarian violence brings nothing but pain and grief to communities that have suffered far too much already," she said.

Police say members of the Ulster Defense Association, or UDA, an outlawed anti-Catholic group that is supposed to be observing a cease-fire in support of the 1998 peace accord, have thrown most of the crude homemade grenades.

Meanwhile a senior member of the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party said the Irish Republican Army's decision to destroy some of its weapons was made by the group's leadership and was not supported by the rank-and-file.

"This was an IRA leadership initiative," Jim Gibney, a member of the party's ruling executive, told British Broadcasting Corp. Radio Ulster on Sunday. "It was leadership-led. If it had been left to the organization on the ground, this would not have happened."

Gen. John de Chastelain, the Canadian head of an international body set up to oversee disarmament in Northern Ireland, said last month that the IRA had put an unspecified quantity of arms, ammunition and explosives "beyond use."

The move was hailed as historic by Britain and Ireland, and gave new life into the province's fragile peace process.

But many supporters of the IRA's violent campaign to end the British presence in Northern Ireland are reportedly unhappy with the decision.

"They turned history on its head, and in doing so they turned the IRA upside down as well," said Gibney.

Journalist killed in ambush near Tajikistan border

PARIS - A French journalist was killed Sunday in northeastern Afghanistan, Radio France Internationale confirmed late Sunday.

Johanne Sutton, an RFI journalist, was riding with French and other foreign journalists when their convoy of armed vehicles and trucks was ambushed after leaving the northern alliance's military headquarters in Khoja Bahauddin, in the province in Takhar, near the Tajikistan border.

Meanwhile, a French journalist with RTL radio, Pierre Billaud, who was traveling in the convoy, was reported missing. The station, which confirmed that Billaud disappeared during the ambush, said a search that was conducted was called off during the night and was to resume Monday morning.

There were unconfirmed reports of injuries among those traveling in the convoy. Sutton was believed to be the only foreign journalist killed in Afghanistan since the war began last month.

French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in a statement expressed "very great sadness" at the death of the journalist.

"In my name and in the name of the government, I offer my deepest sympathies to the family of Johanne Sutton and I share the pain of her loved ones and the mourning of the community of war correspondents," Jospin said in the statement.

Opposition forces said on Sunday they had captured Taloqan, the capital of Takhar and their former headquarters. The Taliban denied the city that had been overrun.

Swazi women throw off chastity belts in protest

MBABANE, Swaziland - Swaziland's king paid the traditional fine of one cow Sunday for violating his own ban prohibiting girls under age 18 from having sexual relations.

About 300 young women marched to a royal residence outside of the capital, Mbabane, and laid down their symbolic chastity belts--multicolored tasseled scarfs--in protest of King Mswati III's choice of a 17-year-old as his ninth wife.

The cow was then speared, roasted and eaten in a festive gathering held by the young women.

Concerned by the high rate of HIV infection in his country and describing teen-age girls as "flowers that should be protected," the 33-year-old king in September reinstated the traditional chastity rite of "umchwasho" banning girls under the age of 18 from having sex.

More than 25 percent of adults in Swaziland are infected with HIV, according to the United Nations. The disease has already killed tens of thousands of Swazis.

According to Swazi custom, a man must pay a cow as a fine if he takes an underage girl as his wife after the ban was declared. Mswati's newest wife, Notsetselelo Magongo, is 17.

The sex ban was last imposed in this tiny mountain kingdom in southern Africa two decades ago.

Young women in traditional rural areas where powerful local chiefs enforce the king's will appear to have accepted the order, but it has been more difficult to enforce among the country's urbanized girls.

THANKSGIVING

Turkey dinner: Inhumane or good eats?

By Corrine Hoffman
STAFF WRITER

Eating turkey on Thanksgiving has been an American tradition since 1621. It is believed that the earliest colonists chose turkey because it was the most plentiful meat available.

Each Thanksgiving, Americans consume 675 million pounds of turkey. This incredible statistic raises a frequently asked question: Is eating turkey inhumane, or just too tasty to pass up?

It was predicted last year that about 276 million turkeys would be raised for consumption, according to the University of Illinois Extension on the web.

Poultry producers cut costs several ways. Turkeys are only given about three square feet of living space. Commercial turkeys suffer from genetic manipulation. They have been altered to grow larger faster. Their legs have difficulty supporting the weight of their bodies.

There are numerous reasons that 45 million turkeys are eaten every Thanksgiving.

Turkeys are not friendly animals. Commercially-raised turkeys must have their claws cut so they do not harm the other turkeys.

They are not intelligent animals. "Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining," according to University of Illinois Extension on the Web.

Eating turkey is healthy. Turkey is low in fat and high in protein.

Finally, the reason that millions of turkeys are eaten each year, is that Americans love the taste.

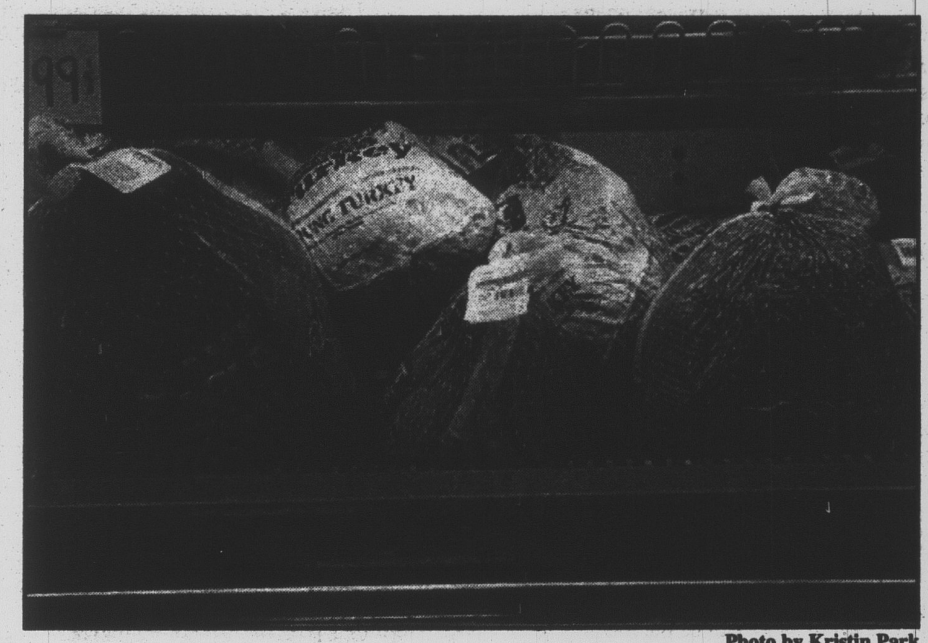

Photo by Kristin Park

Every Thanksgiving, Americans consume 675 million pounds of turkey.

"I Love Turkey! Turkey is the fruit of the forest, then again turkeys don't have to live in the forest because we have some wild ones back home," said Patty Ranalli, junior.

Not all turkeys end up covered in gravy though. Each year one turkey's life is spared. "Carrying out a tradition begun by President Harry Truman 49 years ago, the president accepted Carl, a 35-pound turkey, from the National Turkey Federation, pardoned it and sent it off to live on a Virginia petting farm," the Associated Press stated.

Even one of America's founding fathers loved turkeys. "I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country ... The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America," Ben Franklin stated (1784). His love of the bird never stopped him from sitting down to a turkey dinner.

Thanksgiving traditions and dinners

By Alicia Richie
STAFF WRITER

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble …Thanksgiving is just around the corner, which means family gatherings, a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, the Macy's Day Parade and football games.

Thanksgiving traditions can differ from family to family. Rachel Miller, a senior from Nesquehoning, Pa. is excited for the holiday to arrive. "My whole family comes to my house, and my mom fixes a big dinner with all the trimmings," Miller said. "We sit down to eat and then gather around to watch football together. On Black Friday, my mom, grandma and I go shopping for Christmas presents."

Kristen Greenwood, a senior from Somerset, Mass., shares her traditional Thanksgiving. "Dinner at my house consists of turkey, mashed potatoes, turnips, squash, onion dressing, peas, corn, carrots and cranberry sauce," Greenwood said.

In East Bethany, N.Y., sophomore Anna Blanchard spends time with her family. "We start off the morning by watching the Macy's Day Parade and then sit down for dinner around Noon with turkey as the main dish and pumpkin pie for dessert. Then it's time for the football game," Blanchard said.

Megan Welty, a sophomore from Ligonier, Pa., said she looks forward to the holiday. "Every Thanksgiving morning, I wake up early and participate in the Turkey Trot with my mom and other relatives," Welty said. "Then I go to my grandma's house for a nice Thanksgiving dinner with my family. I always look forward to my grandma's home cooking, especially mashed potatoes and stuffing balls."

Amy Bridge of Meadville, Pa. said she remembers one Thanksgiving distinctly. "My mom was sick and couldn't make Thanksgiving dinner. My brother and I were too young to make dinner; however, my brother decided to make Hamburger Helper in a skillet," Bridge said.

Thanksgiving celebrations for Nicole Denk, a sophomore from Pittsburgh, continue for several days. "My gram has always made turkey soup so we can carry on the holiday for more than one day and because she knows how much I absolutely love it," Denk said.

Sesquicentennial cookbook has staff recipes

By Geoffrey M. Balla
STAFF WRITER

The support staff's sesquicentennial project is *Glorious, Grand, and … Tried and True*. This book consists of favorite recipes of employees past and present.

The name for the book is taken from the last lines of the college's alma mater.

Chairwoman of the project, Beth Brooks of Student Affairs, expects about 300 recipes for the professionally published book.

The book will be available for the campus, contributors and students. Brooks said she expects the delivery of the book in mid-April.

"Our only problem is we do not know how many to order," Brooks said.

Glorious, Grand, and … Tried and True will have recipes for appetizers, beverages, soups, salads, side dishes, main dishes, breads, desserts, cookies and candy. The price is estimated to be $10.

All artwork for the book will be done on campus. Publications director Pat Broadwater is organizing a collection of pictures.

"It is nice because we can have our own photographs and drawings that mean something to Westminster," Brooks said.

For advance orders, contact Brooks via e-mail or inquire at Student Affairs.

Thanksgiving recipe corner

By Sarah Martin
STAFF WRITER

"When I think of Thanksgiving I think of pie and all of the food I get to eat," sophomore Loren Altenhof said.

Today Thanksgiving is more about the Macy's Day Parade and football than giving thanks and breaking bread. However, one long-standing tradition still remains—the abundance of food.

This Thanksgiving, you can chow down on an array of treats such as pumpkin pie, green beans almondine, and of course turkey. Here are two dishes that you can try out this year:

Ginger Pumpkin Pie

To do it the easy way, get the ready-made crust.

1. 9" deep dish
2 cups pumpkin puree
1 cup heavy cream
½ cup milk
4 eggs
¾ to 1 cup granulated sugar
1 ½ teaspoons ground ginger
¼ teaspoon ground coriander seed
½ cup finely chopped crystallized ginger

Procedure:

1. Bake crust
2. Heat pumpkin purée in a heavy pan, stir frequently
3. Add milk and cream to pumpkin purée, continue heating and stirring until smooth
4. In a heatproof bowl, beat eggs and sugar until smooth. Then beat in dry spices.
5. When pie crust is baked, beat the egg mixture while pouring the hot pumpkin mixture into it in a thin stream.
6. Carefully pour hot pumpkin filling into hot pie crust and bake at 400 degrees.
7. Carefully sprinkle the candied ginger evenly over the pie filling. It will settle gently to the bottom forming a loosely-packed layer.
8. The pie is done when the outside edge of the filling is firm and slightly puffed, but the center is still jiggly. Remove to a rack and let cool gently, so the custard can first finish cooking, and then set.

Green Beans Almondine

1 ½ pounds fresh string beans
3 tablespoons ghee
¼ teaspoon hing
1 tablespoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon ground coriander
½ cup slivered almonds

Procedure:

1. Remove ends of green beans, and slice lengthwise in strips.
2. Heat ghee in a heavy skillet, and add hing.
3. Add green beans, salt, pepper and 2 tablespoons of water.
4. Cover and cook on medium-low heat for 15 minutes.
5. Remove cover and cook for 5 minutes or until all the water has evaporated.
6. Add almonds and cook 5 minutes longer.
7. Sprinkle with coriander powder.

SPORTS

Season begins tonight at Shawnee State

Photo by Joe Gill

The Lady Titans scrimmage against La Roche.

By Teale Ganster
STAFF WRITER

With a 2000-2001 record-setting season under their belts, the Lady Titan basketball team starts the new season with hopes of improving on a 12-game winning streak.

"We're looking to improve on our 16-9 record by starting out stronger than we did last year, but we have a tough schedule," head coach Jan Reddinger said.

Reddinger enters her fifth season as head coach for the Lady Titans. Roseanne Scott, who was their athletic assistant a year ago, joins Reddinger as full-time assistant coach. "We have a good balance of upperclassmen and underclassmen which gives us good depth on the team," Reddinger said.

The Lady Titans return eight of 11 letter earners from last season. Leading the team is lone senior shooting guard, Robin Thayer, who averaged 16.2 points and 5.0 rebounds per game. Thayer has been a starter for the team since her freshman year and only needs 67 points to become the fifth player in Lady Titan history to surpass 1,000 career points.

The remainder of last season's starting five consists of four juniors: point guard Jennifer Petures, shooting guard Jaime Lynn, and forwards Samor Himes and Teale Ganster.

Petures led the team in assists (86) and was second in scoring, averaging 10.6 points per game. Like Thayer, Petures has been starting for the team since her freshman season.

Lynn is an excellent defensive player averaging 4.8 points per game and was second on the team in assists (60).

Himes is an aggressive inside-outside player who led the President's Athletic Conference in rebounding (8.5 rebounds per game) and added 9.4 points per game. Ganster is a true low post, who overcame injuries and illness to average 10.1 points per game and 6.0 rebounds per game.

Juniors who saw an increased amount of playing time last season are guards Ashley Kenney and Kristen Karatinos. Kenney also overcame injuries to post six double digit scoring efforts last season. Karatinos, an excellent three-point shooter, is also an offensive threat.

"I am very confident and glad to have everyone back. We have all become very close and our team is like a family away from home," Kenney said. "I am also happy Coach Scott is back as a full-time assistant because she brings a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm to the team."

Only three players make up the sophomore class: Alicia Anderson, Sarah Scott and Michelle Chovan. Anderson is a strong forward who saw a lot of playing time, averaging 4.5 points and 4.3 rebounds per game. Shooting guard Scott saw limited action as a freshman, while forward Chovan, also on the Lady Titan soccer team, joins her first season with the basketball team.

The five freshmen are guards Alyson Gasper, Erin Morrow and Michelle Ripper, and forwards Mary Jane Eaton and Erica Tallo.

The Lady Titans begin action Friday, Nov. 16 at the Shawnee State (Ohio) Tournament.

Buzz Ridl Classic marks opener for men's b-ball

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

It's that time of year again, the leaves are falling, the air is crisp and the daylight is dwindling more quickly every day. For many sports fans on campus and in the surrounding area, this could only mean one thing: college basketball.

This weekend, the legendary Titan basketball program will return to the hardwoods.

As in recent years, head coach Jim Dafler will return. He has led the Titans the past three years after serving as assistant coach under local legend Ron Galbreath for nine seasons.

Former Titan 1000-point club players, Larry Ondako and Jim Goske will handle the assistant coaching positions this year.

This year's squad will enter the season with an astronomical obstacle of recovering from the loss of not one, but three 1000-point scoring players, namely Henry Klinar, Andy Wormsley and Chad Phillips.

Ryan Oman is the lone senior on the team this year. At 6-5, he can play any position on the court, but should see the most time as forward. Last season, Oman averaged 5.7 points and led the team with 76 assists.

Top junior returnees include guard Rick Giordano and forward Joe Wilson.

Giordano is the top returning scorer, averaging eight points per game last season.

Wilson, who spent most of last season as the Titan's sixth man, will help fill the void left by Klinar and Wormsley in the power positions.

Photo by Kristin Park

The men's basketball team prepares to scrimmage against Point Park.

Two sophomores who made an impact as freshmen on last year's squad will also return to the court. Forward Andy Pobielski and guard Mike Hill will continue a run to cement themselves in Titan history.

Four other sophomores represent the class, including guard Corey Utz, and forwards Tom Freed, Justin Robinson and Greg Scott.

Eight freshmen round out the team. Guards Bobby Bartle, Craig Bohyer, Mike Colaneri, Justin Crum, Chris Hatch, Andy Krawchyk, Ross Martin and T.J. Spencer will be joined by forward Pat O'Connor in trying to establish themselves during the early season.

The Titans will begin the season as in years past at the college's own Buzz Ridl Classic this Saturday and Sunday.

Big Mac leaves the diamond

By Meredith Etcher
STAFF WRITER

He did what some said couldn't be done when he broke the home-run record in 1998. When Barry Bonds outdid him in 2001, he offered only congratulations and words of praise. After suffering from numerous injuries and a plunging batting average, Big Mac did the right thing. Last Sunday, one of baseball's classiest, most talented players, Mark McGwire, retired from the game he loved. His statement, from ESPN news, is as follows:

"Last January, Mr. (William) DeWitt (the team owner) and I verbally agreed on a generous two-year contract extension from the Cardinal organization. After considerable discussion with those closest to me, I have decided not to sign the extension, as I am unable to perform at a level equal to the salary the organization would be paying me. I believe I owe it to the Cardinals and the fans of St. Louis to step aside, so a talented free agent can be brought in as the final piece of what I expect can be a World Championship-caliber team.

So I am walking away from the game that has provided me opportunities, experiences, memories and friendships to fill ten lifetimes. For years I have said my motivation for playing wasn't for fame and fortune, but rather the love of competing. Baseball is a team sport and I have been lucky enough to contribute to the success of some great teams.

I want to thank the St. Louis Cardinal organization, Mr. DeWitt, Mr.(Walt) Jocketty, Tony La Russa and the thousands of Cardinal faithful for making St. Louis home for the past four years. I want to thank the Oakland A's and all of the fans in California for giving me my start, and the millions of baseball fans around the world who have inspired me to compete night in and night out."

McGwire will leave the game of baseball as he played, with dignity. He will always be remembered as the one who broke Roger Maris' record first, even if he isn't the one who has the record now. I remember the night he did it, just as I remember where I was on many important historical occasions. Watching him round the bases and embrace the Maris family, only to finish by lifting his exuberant son into the air, was remarkable.

McGwire had an entire nation watching his every at-bat, something that Barry Bonds couldn't do. Many say that the Bonds home run chase wasn't as exciting because we had just seen the record broken three years earlier. I think it's because Bonds doesn't possess the charisma McGwire does. McGwire talks to reporters, signs autographs, and is humble when speaking of his own talents. He waited until after the excitement of the World Series died down before announcing his retirement, mainly so he wouldn't draw attention away from the event.

McGwire was an accomplished baseball player. He ended his career with a .263 lifetime average, 683 homeruns, 1414 RBIs, an on-base percentage of .394, and a .588 slugging average. Not only will baseball fans miss this extraordinary baseball player, they will miss this man.

Both Titan teams post wins over Fighting Scots

Photo by Joe Gill

A Titan swimmer shows the Scots how it's done.

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

Both the Titan swim teams scored victories over Edinboro this past Saturday in the Westminster Natatorium.

The men remained undefeated at 2-0 after the 111-81 routing, while the women moved to 1-1, topping the Fighting Scots 102-81.:

Leading the men, junior Seth Bontrager won both the 200 individual medley and the 200 butterfly.

A trio of Titans added to the win by taking individual and relay titles. Senior Ian Blackley, sophomore Matt Buzzard and junior Jim Mann added wins in the 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle and the 200 backstroke, respectively. Each of the trio also contributed to relay wins.

Senior Stephanie Dawson led the women's squad with two individual wins and contributed to a winning relay. Dawson took the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events, and swam on the victorious 400 medley relay.

Sophomore Brittany Jardine also won two individual events, the 200 butterfly and 200 individual medley.

Other individual winners for the men included seniors Brian Lytle and Kurt Rotthoff in the 1000 freestyle and the 200 breaststroke respectively, and junior Craig Guthoerl in the 500 freestyle.

Other contributors to the winning relay teams included seniors Lucas Shipe and Chris Giles for the 400 medley relay and freshman Matt DiNardo and senior Aaron Francis for the 400 freestyle relay.

For the women, other individual winners included senior Jamie Sell in the 1000 freestyle and juniors Amanda Zelechoski and Stefanie King in the 200 freestyle and the 200 breaststroke respectively.

Women contributing to the winning 400 medley relay team included juniors Amanda Olinger and Karen Faulhaber.

Both teams will return to action this Saturday for a road match in Ohio, against former GLIAC rival Ashland.

The bullfight: a glimpse into the world of the matador

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

After a 10-minute subway ride, we emerged at the Plaza de Toros Monumental, the oldest bullring in Madrid and one of the most famous in the world. I stepped up to the booth, read some of the prices, and asked for the best available seats, which cost about $8 each for sombra y sol (sun and shade) in the third row from the ring.

The gates to the ring are opened 15 minutes before the opening ceremony.

Any longer and the rowdy, drunken crowd would probably lose its patience and start a riot. Once the gates open, the throng moves through the stadium to the seating area, where uniformed ushers lead each group to their seats.

The bullfight has five main stages. In the procession, matadors enter the ring followed by their banderilleros and picadors (mounted bull fighters) and do a full lap waiving and inciting the crowd. Next the bull enters an empty ring in a state of confusion, fear and anxiety. Then, the picador enters on horseback and delivers the pic.

The pic is essentially a spear armed with a four-inch point meant to lower the bull's head and enrage him, as he hits the padded horse. After which, the banderilleros enter with working capes, colored yellow and pink, rather than the red cape of the matador. As soon as the bull learns to charge the cape, the banderilleros insert the banderilleras.

Banderilleras are brightly colored stakes fixed with a two-inch point, which are stabbed in sets of two behind the pic wound on the bull's neck. The banderilleras are meant to slow the bull and further enrage him to make him charge. Usually, after six banderilleras have been placed, the matador enters the ring.

The matador then proceeds through a number of traditional cape passes to establish dominance over the bull. After these passes, each closer, more dangerous and more elaborate, the bull becomes mesmerized and freezes, dripping blood in the sand. While he is frozen, many matadors perform tricks, such as putting an elbow on the bull's head and pretending to call him on the phone or biting a horn. During the second bull, I watched a matador turn his back and wave to the crowd.

The final stage of the fight is the kill. Many different kills are executed depending on the dominance and bravery of the matador. In each case, the matador attempts to kill by severing the spine with a single sword thrust into the wound opened by the pic. More often, a second or third thrust is needed. Occasionally a special killing sword with a crossbar four inches up the blade is used to finish a bull still on his feet.

Of the six bulls I watched, four were killed in the common manner; the matador steadies the bull with the cape and lunges over the horns to bury the sword. But the two most impressive kills were done recibiendo. In this method, the matador digs his heels into the sand and brings the bull forward to receive the sword.

Controlled by the muleta, a special red cape used in the last stages of the fight, the bull drives his own weight into the sword.

After the kill, a dagger man runs to the bull to cut his spinal cord and he is dragged from the ring by mules as the crowd cheers for both the victorious man and the brave and noble bull. The spectacle ends with another procession by the matadors. Fans throw seat pads and anything else not nailed down into the ring. Matadors catch, drink from, and return leather wine botas thrown from the stands.

Walking from the arena, I pondered the entire experience of the corrida (bullfight). To this day, I am still pondering it.

Knowing the symbolism of each stage and understanding the journey of the bull from ignorance to education to tragic death makes it difficult to take a stance on the practice. We are meant to both admire and pity the bull, to see his struggle against an inevitable death as both noble and futile.

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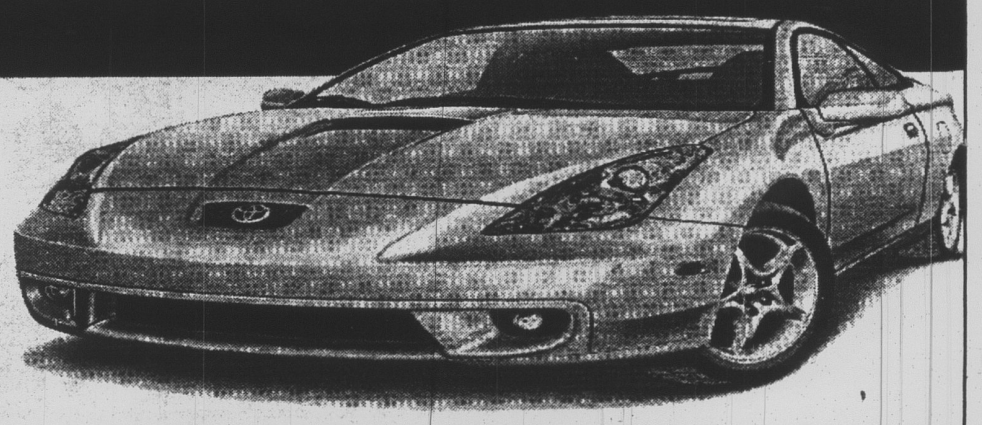
Celica—
The Inside Story



On the outside, it's easy to see that Celica is race-track inspired. But the real excitement is on the inside...under the hood. Take the Celica GT-S...Toyota worked with Yamaha to build a 180 HP engine redlined at 7800 RPM...equipped it with Variable Valve Timing with intelligence...a computer that constantly monitors and retunes your engine for maximum performance...a cam with two sets of lobes to provide two ranges of valve lift and duration for more usable horsepower. There's direct ignition for greater reliability... iridium-tipped spark plugs for reduced maintenance...a stainless steel exhaust manifold...a water-cooled oil cooler. And mated with Toyota's 4-speed electronically-controlled automatic "Sportshift", you get transmission shift switches on the steering wheel...just like Formula 1 race cars. *Sweet.*

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Good job on opening Physical Plant parking lot. We've only been here for nine weeks."

"I'm being followed. Help me."

"Can the guys in Eich play Counter-Strike without screaming swear words every three seconds."

"Why can RDs burn candles in their room. Shouldn't the same rules apply to everyone who lives in the building?"

"Do we have sidewalks so that we can get hit by vehicles?"

"Why is it that security can park illegally and not get a ticket?"

"Why won't the chalked 'Go Titans' go away when it rains?"

"How come they can spend millions of dollars on the TUB, but it sounds like a freight train when the heat turns on in Browne?"

"Open up the tunnel."

"Moosetracks is good."

"Meatball sub week should be every week."

"See, the kids listen to the rap music, and it gives them the brain damage. So they don't know what the jazz is all about."

"Stick it to the Man."

"Did Westminster buy stock in cookies and cream ice cream?"

"Is someone going to wash the curtains in the third floor study lounge of Galbreath. Come on, they should be white, but they are yellow. They're nast."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Drinking

Beer pong, open bars at date party functions, off-campus keg parties, power-hours, tequila club and card games are just a few of the many drinking occasions made available to the campus community. Has the society of our campus become so dull that we have to succumb to the inevitability of drinking?

If it's true that 70% of our student body drinks and over 50% of students are binge drinkers, we need to question our morals as students. We need to do what we are supposed to do—learn, not party.

Nothing is wrong with the occasional drink, but when you wake up the morning after drinking and everyone has to remind you of the inappropriate behavior you displayed in front of all your friends, including the one crush you might have, you cannot help but be embarrassed as the headache strikes and you pop a few aspirin.

Better get hydrated for another night of drinking; yeah, we keep going back for more. Why this behavior? Should we blame others for providing beer in mass quantities at an affordable price? It is almost as if college students are targeted due to their need for cheap beer. What is a case of cheap beer these days, $8.50? How hard is it to scrounge that amount of money up? We all know it's harder to find someone to buy the beer.

Or even if we are 21, all the bars provide special offers such as $1 drafts of better beer, and yet we endure the minmum 15-minute drive just to abuse these deals. There are even bars in Youngstown that offer penny drafts. But how do we get there anyway? It is almost as hard to find a designated driver on this campus as it is to find a freshman girl who doesn't have a boyfriend from home.

In 20 years, is this how you would want to remember your college life: not remembering it at all? How about all of the classes and homework assignments that were missed? Maybe it's time the students took the situation into their own hands.

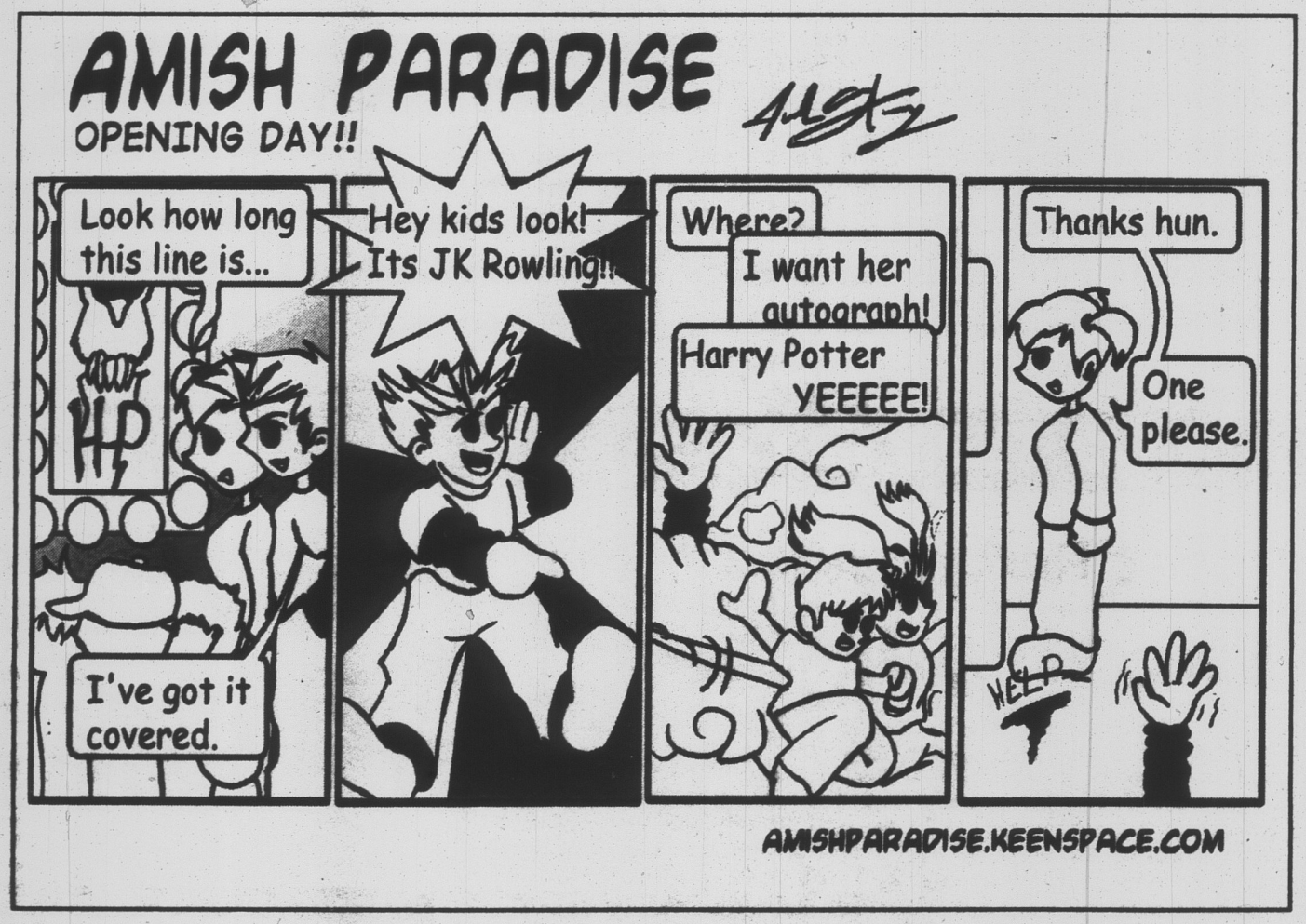
In 20 years, is this how you would want to remember your college life: not remembering it at all?

We go to a dry school in a dry town. If we want to drink we have to go to a frat house or go to a bar. So, if we want more alternatives, we have to think of them ourselves. Maybe the students on this campus should organize a group of people who would be willing to taxi of-age drinkers back and forth to bars each weekend. This would be a sure way of making sure people who are going to drink will not drive.

We do that on campus each week with the Happy Bus, but maybe we should go beyond that. While the school does not like to condone drinking, something should be done for those who are legally allowed to drink. Try as they might to give us alternative activities, the fact remains that students who want to drink will. Maybe things should be done to prevent students from drinking so much, and maybe things should be done to ensure their safety.

We should offer alternatives to other people as well. A bus could travel to Boardman or Pittsburgh every few weeks taking students to places like the symphony or simply a nice dinner out. SGA and other groups provide us with non-alcoholic activities once in a while, and has done more things than before this year with the All Campus Formal and *Les Misérables* tickets.

In our little Amish town, we have to look elsewhere for exciting things to do. Most of us without cars turn immediately to drinking. Those with cars who want to drink drive the 15 – 30 minutes to a bar. It's about time we did something to expand our horizons and means of entertaining ourselves.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of our respective organizations, we would like to announce that Alpha Phi Omega (national co-ed service fraternity) and S.A.V.E. (Westminster's environmental group) have teamed up to sponsor a campus newspaper drive. We will be collecting newspapers in recycling bins labeled for newspapers outside the mailroom and in the TUB. The papers will be picked up on a weekly basis by the City Rescue Mission in New Castle, where they will be shredded and sold to farmers for animal bedding. Proceeds are used for the Mission's various needs, such as items for the homeless community of Lawrence county.

Please, before you simply throw away *the Holcad* or any other newspaper, place it in one of the bins labeled "newspaper only" outside of the mailroom or in the TUB. More labeled bins will be added soon.

Help a fellow human. Help the environment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christian Reifsteck
President
Alpha Phi Omega

Gwen Kennedy
President
S.A.V.E.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you in regards to the airport transportation promotion for those flying home for Thanksgiving break. I recently received the informative e-mail and I think it is a good idea; however, I can identify with those students who have not budgeted an extra $60.00 for the roundtrip fee to the airport. (Even if they do have the money, I am sure they would rather spend it elsewhere). If I may, I would like to suggest a more economical approach for those students flying home. As a resident of Moon Township, PA, I live approximately ten minutes from the Pittsburgh National Airport. I would like to offer those students departing on Tuesday, November 20th, with an opportunity to save a few dollars. I am able to take four students to the airport; I will coordinate my schedule in order to meet the travelers' departure times from the Pittsburgh International Airport. This one-way trip will cost $15.00 per student. If interested, please feel free to e-mail me: matherc1@westminster.edu

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Carrie Mathers

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Heist

...where's the gold?

Tyler Domske

Heist follows Gene Hackman as veteran thief Joe Moore, along with his band of experts, his young wife Fran (Rebecca Pidgeon), goofy only in the face, Pinky (Ricky Jay), and long-time partner Bobby Blane, played superbly by Delroy Lindo, (the most underrated actor since Don Cheadle). From the beginning, it seems that the movie is going to tread the same tired plot of the old thief wants out, but is lured back in for one big score, this time lured in by the best little weasel there is, Danny DeVito.

Heist, however, goes head and shoulders above the usual humdrum setup. The plot twists and turns like a snake, smooth and fast, keeping you riveted all the while. To this I credit two things: the characters and the dialogue. The acting is absolutely on in nearly every aspect, (with one exception I will mention in a moment). Hackman is brilliant, playing the role of the crotchety old expert, which he has, in essence, played at least two times before: in 1974's *The Conversation* and the recent *Enemy of the State*.

What's different here is that he has a certain coolness and assurance that makes the character believable, and in a movie such as this, that type of actor is vital for the success of the film. DeVito does divinely, transcending his diminutive stature to rise to the level of Hackman, providing a very worthy adversary for the the brilliant thief. If there were one defining characteristic, it would be the dialogue. Ads for the film tout that it "has more twists then a bag of pretzels!" Well, I would go so far as to say that it has more great lines than a bag of great lines. The delivery is excellent every time, so the lines are executed with style and believability. The characters don't come off as just trying to sound cool, the characters come off as if they actually are cool and just talk that way.

The only real problems the movie encounters are minimal. Pidgeon, the wife of Moore, is the only actor who doesn't seem to find her niche. She seems to wander through the movie as if she never really knows what's going on. In the long run, it doesn't hurt the movie, but it does make all the plot points involving her confusing.

The only other "problem" worth commenting on is the direction, but I am reluctant to say so, as I also saw that as a plus. The movie is almost too cool for itself. Such great dialogue almost deserves to be packaged up in something more visually stimulating. On the other hand though, the simplicity of the direction makes it all the more a character movie. It is not stylized at all. It doesn't rely on camera tricks to wow the audience when the actors or dialogue can't. It puts all its faith in the script and the actors, and luckily, it paid off. There is also a certain tension that is created by the lack of fancy camera angles. For instance, the actual heist scene on the plane has no soundtrack, only the ramblings of a police radio, making the tension and suspense incredibly real.

So the final verdict is to go see it.

Worth? This one's a full-price ticket, money well spent.

Grade: A

Brad Dell

I can smell it ... and it smells gorgeous. Among whiffs of candied ham, sweet pies, roasted turkey and stuffing, a delectable aroma of quality cinema pervades the crisp air of the holiday season. We are approaching the time of year when the Oscar contenders begin to rear their heads. This is it. This is exciting. This is the kind of capitalist competitive spirit that makes me glad I'm an American. Aaahhh ... yes!

I report this overdramatic reverie because David Mamet made me do it. His new cinematic venture, *Heist*, is a great film. Finally, after two and a half months of reviewing movies, I have wet my Oscar-craving appetite. (And I call foul on my new partner Tyler who gets to review this one as his signature voyage.)

Anyway ... one of the first exchanges in the film goes like this:

"It's what makes the world go 'round."

"What's that?"

"Gold."

"I always thought it was love."

"Yes ... love of gold."

And that about sums it up. *Heist* is about a band of (you guessed it) thieves, led by Joe Brown (the aging legend, Gene Hackman). The film opens with a stunning scene of interwoven, seemingly unrelated shots that lead up to a nearly flawlessly executed jewel theft. I say nearly flawless, because Brown is caught on camera with his mask off. Since he is now "burned," Brown decides to retire from thievery and move down South. But his crime pimp, Bergman (the adorable hard-ass, Danny Devito), has another plan in mind.

Bergman demands that Brown and his team do one more big job, or else they won't get paid at all. Thus begins "the thing," as they all so eloquently entitle the heist. And for an hour and a half, the audience keeps wondering, "where's the gold?"

As screenwriter, David Mamet is nearly a modern day William Shakespeare, with stichomythic scenes that dazzle the psyche as to remind us of those in *Twelfth Night* and *Taming of the Shrew*. Now, don't hunt me down with chains and axes ... I'm not equating Mamet with the greatest writer in the English language. But trust me, *Heist* proves Mamet's skills as a clever wordsmith. Whereas Shakespeare is most famous for the lengthy monologues that he writes, Mamet succeeds in short, crisp dialogue and exceedingly witty one-liners. And he is fantastically efficient with his words ... saying only what is necessary, making whatever "thing" make perfect sense. For example, Bergman has the line, "Everyone loves money. That's why they call it money."

All the characters' speech is so marvelously original that it's as if Mamet sat his actors around a table, gave them a situation, told them to talk about it for an hour without ever coming to the conclusion, strained the resulting verbal vomit for the quality lines, and put them together into a functioning plot. It's an odd sort of creative brilliance. I was seriously on the edge of my seat waiting to hear what clever line would come next.

As a director, Mamet is similarly skilled. As I've already mentioned, the first scene was technically stellar with shots of many different characters and situations that finally converged into a cohesive event. It's like what didn't happen in the entire three hours of P.T. Andreson's *Magnolia*. As Mamet had me craving to hear more spoken candy, he also took me along on an adventuresome treasure hunt. From the time it's stolen, I was constantly asking myself "where's the gold?" And every time I thought I knew, Mamet threw me another curve ball. This analytic hardball thrilled me from start to finish.

As far as the acting goes, Mamet gathered a fine cast. Even though he is not aging as gracefully as some of his other Hollywood pals, Hackman pulls off this role exceedingly well. We love this character from the beginning, and he entreats us with every twist and turn that he makes. Hackman is surrounded with a group of down and dirty character actors like Delroy Lindo, Sam Rockwell, Ricky Jay and Patti LuPone who support him and this super-cool film like stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy complement the Thanksgiving turkey. The only casting decision that I question is that of Devito. Now, of course, I love this guy ... who doesn't? It just seemed to me that in this group of outstanding character actors, Devito stands out as the lone personality star. It's just too hard to forget that this little screaming loud-mouth is any other persona than the loveable Danny Devito.

At any rate, *Heist* stole my attention from the first frame to the last. I give it three and a half stars. Have a great Thanksgiving. I'll have the weather report from Hogwarts when we meet again.

Nahla's Restaurant offers Middle Eastern alternative

By Beth Staley
A & E EDITOR

Thanksgiving is upon us, and everyone is craving turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, yams and yes-the all-time favorite treat-pumpkin pie. Are you hungry yet? I know I am, but I'm not really in the mood to go to the cafeteria.

If you're not either, then let me make a suggestion; before settling into the comfort of mom and grandma's home-cooking, try something different. Go to Nahla's Restaurant located at 2419 Wilmington Road in New Castle.

On Saturday evening, my friend Heidi Krieger and I challenged ourselves to try some Middle Eastern dishes from Nahla's. Our trip was a perfect diversion.

Nahla's has a quaint, traditional, family-oriented atmosphere. It's very small, and the waitresses are quick, friendly and hard-working. The restaurant seems very popular and draws diverse customers. I was surprised to see entire families enjoying the Syrian cuisine at Nahla's. I have to admit, though, if my parents had dragged me anywhere with food that didn't look like pizza, chicken fingers or hamburgers when I was a kid, I would not have been very enthusiastic.

Heidi and I, however, were very enthusiastic about this new experience of Middle Eastern food. After we were seated and handed menus, we attempted to figure out what we should order. The task appeared difficult as we could barely pronounce any of the entrees, let alone figure out if we would like them. Our waitress had to come back to our table twice. Our indecision labeled us as obvious newcomers.

Finally, our hunger overcame us, and we ordered our food. Heidi ordered the Kufta dinner and the Syrian Spinach Salad. The Kufta meal consists of ground lamb rolled on a skewer and served with Hummos; it costs $5.75. For $3.25, the Syrian Spinach Salad includes spinach, onions, lemon, oil, mint and tomato. I also ordered the spinach salad. To complete my order, I asked for the Falafil Vegetarian Sandwich; the menu describes this sandwich as chick peas, lettuce, tomatoes and sesame sauce. The sandwich costs $2.25.

Although Heidi and I had no idea what to expect--even after reading the menu, we were impressed by the prices of the selections. Whether you want to spend $3 or $10, Nahla's has something for you.

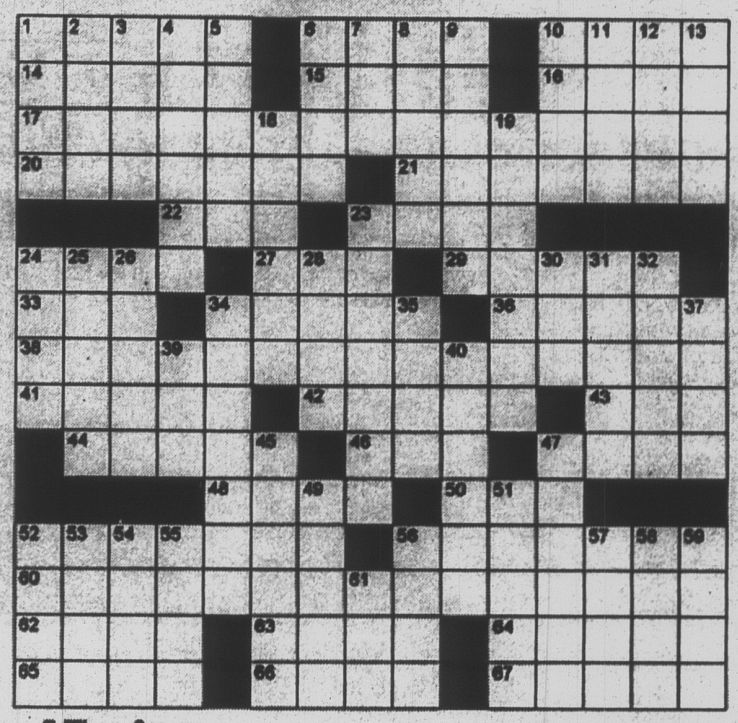
Our meals were fresh, seasoned perfectly, and fun to eat. We followed our meals with an order of Kanafi, a dessert described as shredded wheat for $.75. Kanafi looks very interesting, and it tastes something like shredded wheat with a layer of molasses. It's very sweet; if you can handle the sugar, you'll like it.

For those of you interested in trying the food at Nahla's, I highly recommend it. They offer a wide variety of selections including breakfast, sandwiches, dinners, singles, salads and desserts. Nahla's also has a catering and take-out service. For more information, call 412-654-5161.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

Double Time



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14 Garbed
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17 Aqueduct sight
20 Expressed contempt
21 Doughnuts:Slang
22 Type of vote
23 P. T. Barnum's need
24 Green veggie for short
27 _____ Lanka
29 Toothed wheels
33 Quantitative word
34 Come upon
36 Shake hands
38 1962 Shirley MacLaine movie
41 Ravi Shankar's instrument
42 Iliad & Odyssey author
43 Timetable abbr.
44 Word before pole
46 Pitcher Guidry
47 Precedes pool
48 Mortgage, e.g.
50 Tough serve
52 Makes unhappy
56 Forever
60 Breakfast order
62 Seep
63 Narrow country road
64 Consumed
65 Appealed to the court
66 Stares intently
67 _____-Kettering Hospital

Down

1 Carney and Garfunkel
2 Worn with a cap
3 Slender woodwind
4 Overnight flight
5 Idolize
6 _____ eagle
7 Time frame
8 Curt
9 Cutting
10 Unpleasantly cool and humid
11 Astronaut Sally
12 Scent
13 Congregational resting places
18 Landlord at times
19 Whole number
23 Hearing aid
24 Jaguars
25 Deprive of humor?
26 Former Japanese capital
28 Sultan of Swat
30 Has life
31 Observe again
32 Chairs
34 Horse's limb
35 Salesman's car
37 Christmas poem lead in
39 Plump
40 Upper house
45 Intermix
47 Cheerios, e.g.
49 Literary composition
51 Goddess of agriculture
52 Discontinue
53 Truant at Ft. Riley
54 Catnap
55 Notable achievement
56 Holiday preceders
57 International org.
58 On the ocean
59 Boston suburb
61 Single

Quotable Quote

If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?

• • • *Abraham Lincoln*

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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers:

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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Use all of the resources available to you. A family argument may take some extra attention to straighten out, with no serious fallouts. You may need to choose between spending more quality time with family and friends, or advancing at work.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)
There seems to be some apparent conflict, but it is of a healthy variety, and may yield some unexpected benefits in the form of totally new approaches to routine situations. Don't make hasty decisions regarding financial matters.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)
You and your significant other may make a wonderful connection and the sense that you are growing closer will bring both of you joy. Success will be yours, even if it is of a low-key nature.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)
Try to take it easy this week. You have been going at a frantic pace, and it will start to catch up with you. Decisions made hastily may be flawed, so put off action until you have all the facts.

LEO: (July 24-Aug. 23)
You will get ahead by working hard. Nothing less than your reputation is at stake, but no need to worry since your work is usually above reproach. Expect a little bit of a delay, because soon you'll be riding on the crest of success.

VIRGO: (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Prosperity is an issue, so instead of whining, take action. Work a little harder and you'll be surprised at the financial results. A surge of inspiration will enable you to get through any potentially rough situations.

LIBRA: (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
Use your clout to get some new and different changes off the ground at work. Friends and co-workers can come in handy now. You're working for no less than the greater good of all involved. Don't be taken in by careless flirting with someone new.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Keeping your nose to the grindstone is admirable to a point, but you might make a better impression with superiors if your approach is more balanced. Learn to give some responsibilities to others if you are interested in a management position.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
You tend to keep your emotional distress to yourself, and this might not be for the best. Allow someone close to penetrate your defenses. Make plans carefully to assure a positive outcome.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
A little contemplation will get your week off to a calm start. You are pleased with the results up until now, but want to improve your work. Allow troublesome obstacles to dissolve themselves. You can't hasten this process by hovering and worrying needlessly.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Is your current relationship a little unbalanced? If so, playing the role too faithfully can bring resentment and boredom. Maybe a planned weekend pleasure trip is just what the doctor ordered.

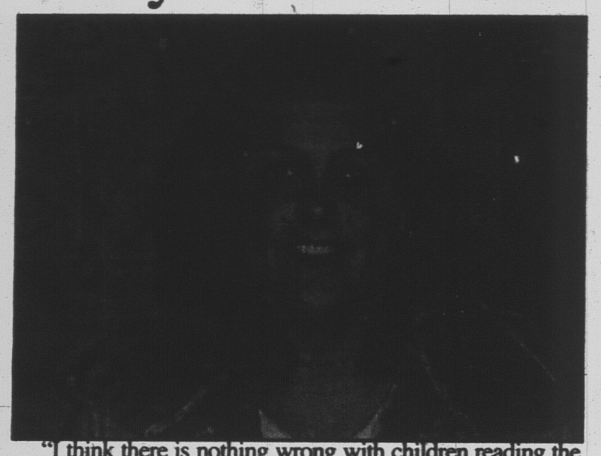
PISCES: (Feb. 20-March 20)
When working on your financial plan for the future, avoid putting all your eggs in one basket. Anything which looks definite may not be beneficial in the end. Diversify investments and don't expect to get rich overnight.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:
Catch up on correspondence with friends. Be wary though, encounters with others may end in emotional outbursts, which may leave you a bit bewildered. You may feel that you are constantly at battle with your significant other, which leads you nowhere.

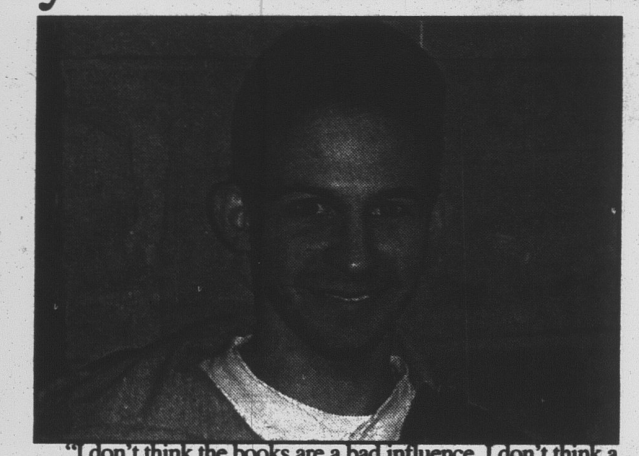
FEATURE

Question of the week: Is Harry Potter evil?

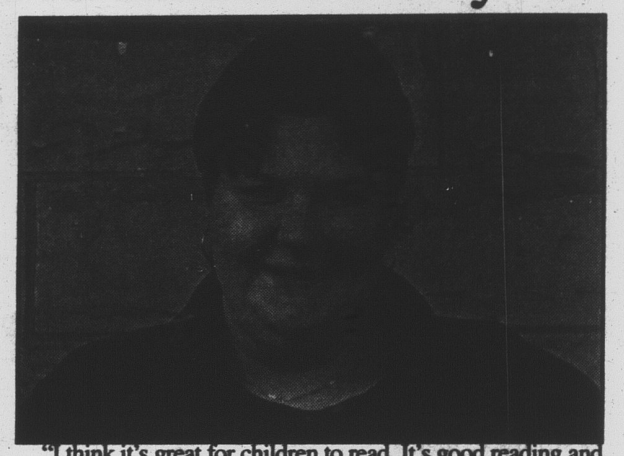
Do you think the Harry Potter series is a threat to children? Why?



"I think there is nothing wrong with children reading the Harry Potter series. Not only do the books aid in developing the imaginations of children, they also get kids to read. I don't think children even understand the whole witchcraft theme in the book – that is irrelevant to them and they don't seem to even pick up on it, so how could it be bad for them?" **– Jenn Hooks, junior**



"I don't think the books are a bad influence. I don't think a fanciful portrayal of witchcraft is bad for children, especially in a context that promotes reading." **– Brian Sullivan, junior**



"I think it's great for children to read. It's good reading and doesn't necessarily have anything bad in it. The book doesn't really tell you anything about spells ... it's just a children's book." **– Erin Michielsen, freshman**

"No. In fact, I can't wait to see the movie. I love those fantasy books." **– Jocelyn Piel, senior**

"I think anything to get children to read is a good thing." **– Dr. Rhoads, political science**

"I think parents should explain their beliefs regarding witchcraft to their children, but I don't think [the series] should be censored in any way." **– Kaitlin Ehrhardt, senior**

"I don't think they are bad. My mom is a reading teacher and she teaches the Harry Potter series for her first, second and third graders." **– Justin Joseph, sophomore**

"I don't think it's a threat. The books are written for an age group that should be able to discriminate between fantasy and reality. The books are no different than any fairytale or cartoon program." **– Jake Stumpf, junior**

Lani explores the bright side of dormitory life

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

For four years I have lived in a dormitory. I've learned that dorm life is not as luxurious as seen on TV. Remember that show "Felicity"? Her dorm was huge, well-furnished by IKEA, and had its own bathroom. Our dorms don't exactly measure up, but there are some good things about living on campus.

I lived in Galbreath freshman year--I never endured the "Shaw experience." Maybe I missed out.

My mother's first impression of Galbreath, "Oh my God, my baby is living in a prison cell," was not encouraging. She calmed down after a few weeks when I told her it wasn't so bad.

Galbreath was, after all, central to the rest of campus, which allowed for a few extra snoozes on the alarm clock. With the dining hall right downstairs, I never starved. The downside of Galbreath, however, was being able to tell what was for dinner before setting foot into the dining hall--the smells just wafted into our window. I've never lived in Browne, but I'm sure they share the same experience.

I have lived in Hillside for the past three years, and aside from the walk, I love "the Hill." No noise, no strange smells from the dining hall and no worries about putting on that extra 15 pounds at the beginning of each school year--the hill and three flights of steps take care of that.

The boys all have to endure this as well, as both boys' dormitories are on the other side of a hill.

Aside from location, the residence halls have aided in the formation of many friendships. Most of the people I know who are currently rooming together started out living with or around their current roommates. I have remained friends with most of the girls on my freshman hall--there were only nine freshman, so we became close.

Dorm life isn't all that it's cracked up to be. Communal bathrooms are not exactly fun. Not only do you have to contend with everyone else for a shower in the morning, you also have to contend with everyone else's mess, either in the bathroom, or in the hall.

For better or for worse, dorm life is something most college students must experience ... so try to make the best of it.

Searching for treasure: Club uses metal detectors on campus

By Bobby Fisher
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Perhaps lately you've seen a few men walking about the campus scanning the ground with metal detectors. Most of you probably shrugged it off, but you more curious students may have wondered what these men are up to.

Don't worry; it's not the Taliban.

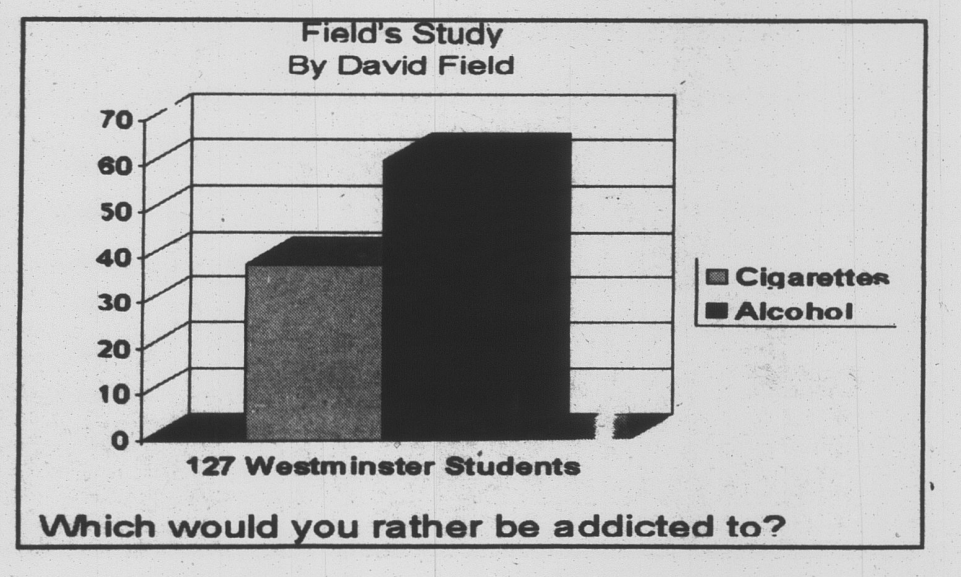
They aren't even Jehovah's Witnesses.

They're merely a group of metal detector enthusiasts from Butler. They travel to different areas with their metal detectors and look for anything, whether it's coins or 1979 Crown Victorias.

"These gentlemen called me about a month ago and asked for permission to come to our campus and search the ground with their metal detectors," Dean of Security John Lechner said. He said he didn't take their names or phone numbers because it wasn't a big deal.

The men and Lechner agreed that if they found college property, i.e. a key, they would return it to the college and if they found anything else, they would keep it.

The men also searched around the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, as one anonymous church employee reported.



CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR is holding its fall concert Sunday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS will appear Sunday, Nov. 18, at 9 p.m. in the Down Under. No admission charge.

THE ASIAN CULTURE CLUB will meet Monday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. in Patterson 112. A "Korean Tea Night" is planned as a follow-up to the recent Korean cuisine experience.

SHUTTLE SERVICE to Pittsburgh Airport leaves Tuesday, Nov. 20 at noon and returns Sunday, Nov. 25 at 2 and 8 p.m. Make reservations in the Student Affairs Office.

SPINNAKER in Pittsburgh is looking for marketing, public relations, business or English majors interested in internships or part-time work. To find out more about the company, visit http://www.spinnakernet.com. Contact Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338 with additional questions.

YMCA CAMP LETTS is looking for 2002 summer counselors. Counselors will be instructing in sailing, water-skiing, canoeing, swimming, soccer, arts and crafts, horse instruction and many more. The camp is located on a 219-acre peninsula just outside of Annapolis. For more information, contact Stephen Gruber, program director at (410) 919-1414.

YMCA CAMP KON-O-KWEE in Fombell has summer positions for college students. For more information visit http://www.ycamps.org or call (724) 758-6238. The Career Center has flyers and applications.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S CAMP ALLEGHENY in Ellwood City has summer positions and internships available. For more information, call (724) 758-5546.

UPS needs seasonal help in its local distribution center. The shift is from 4-8:30 a.m. now through Dec. 29. There is also need for a driver helper from Dec. 17-24, but you must be able to lift 70 pounds. The pay is $8.50 per hour. Interested students should e-mail Ms. Kris Wosko at kwosko@ups.com.

ON Q MAGAZINE, a nightly, live, local newsmagazine television program, has spring, summer and fall internships available. Students with a background in communications, journalism, or media studies are preferred, but not required. Both full- and part-time internships are available. Forward cover letter and résumé to Alicia Maloney, producer, On Q Magazine, WQED Pittsburgh, 4802 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15213. E-mail may be sent to amaloney@wqed.org.

PEOPLE FOR ENGLISH (Phil English) has openings for five interns. One position is full-time and receives a $500 per month stipend. People for English will accept persons registered in any major, but preference is given to political science, business, accounting, public relations, combinations and English because of the nature of the work. Questions should be directed to Meghan Duda at (814) 866-8913 or e-mail her at peopleforenglish@aol.com.

SKUTSKI AND OLTMANNS have intern positions available. The position requires writing, editing and account coordination assistance with event coordination and research. The ideal candidate should be in his or her junior or senior year with a public relations or marketing concentration and possess strong written and verbal communication skills. Hours are 15-20 per week minimum. Send cover letter, résumé and three writing samples to Jennifer Gross, senior account executive, Skutski and Oltmanns, 100 First Ave., Suite 700, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. The phone number is (412) 281-5656, and fax number is (412) 281-2993.

THE CITY RESCUE MISSION in New Castle is looking for an intern to help plan special events. They are looking for public relations and English majors. Interested students should call Susan Franklin at (724) 652-4321 or at home (724) 588-2166 or e-mail Susanf@CityRescueMission.org.

SLIPPERY ROCK Presbyterian Church in Ellwood City has a youth ministry position available. Skills necessary for this position include Biblical knowledge and the ability to relate to young children. This position pays $200, and there is no program during the summer. For more information, contact Rachel Johns at (724) 752-9494.

THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL and Museum Commission, an agency of the Pennsylvania state government, invites applications to its summer internship program. A variety of positions are available in such fields as archival practice, museum education, historic preservation, archaeology, marketing and museum administration, web design, museum curatorship, library science and exhibition design. All majors, especially in the liberal arts and humanities, are welcome. This full-time position pays $7 per hour. For more information, contact Linda Shopes, internship coordinator at lshopes@state.pa.us. The application deadline for summer 2002 is Dec. 14.

WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh has internship openings for spring and summer. Prospective interns should be college juniors or seniors majoring in marketing, communications, broadcasting or other related fields. The deadline for spring is Nov. 15 and the deadline for summer is Feb. 15. Interested parties should send a résumé and cover letter including mention of your interest in a sales/marketing internship to: Kathy Vitanza, WTAE-TV, 400 Ardmore Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15221.

RIVERVIEW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is seeking someone with a love for young people and a commitment to Christ to joining its ministry. This part-time position would include direction of the youth group, as well as broader ministry with those between the ages of 12 and 25. Salary is negotiable up to $15 per hour based upon training and experience. Send résumé to Carol Dzemko, search committee chair, Riverview United Presbyterian Church, 3505 Perrysville Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15214 or call (412) 321-7300 with any questions.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 16
11:40 a.m. Chapel
6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball: Buzz Ridl Classic (H)
6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Shawnee State (OH) Tournament
7:30 p.m. Movie: *Instinct* (Inquiry Film)—Down Under
10:00 p.m. Movie: *October Sky* (Inquiry Film)—Down Under

SATURDAY 17
Kappa Delta Girl Scout Day
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. National Teacher Exam—Patterson Hall
10:00 a.m. LEAD Workshop—Down Under
1:00 p.m. Swimming @ Ashland (OH)
1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Shawnee State (OH) Tournament
6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball: Buzz Ridl Classic (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass—Chapel
7:30 p.m. Movie: *October Sky* (Inquiry Film)—Down Under
10:00 p.m. Movie: *Instinct* (Inquiry Film)—Down Under

SUNDAY 18
10:00 a.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Initiation—Chapel
3:00 p.m. Concert Choir and Chamber Singers Concert—Chapel
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers—Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting—House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting—HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie: *America's Sweethearts*—Down Under
9:00 p.m. Praise Practice—Chapel

MONDAY 19
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship—Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting—Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta—Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta—PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu—PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa—PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha—Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting—HSC
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting—Down Under

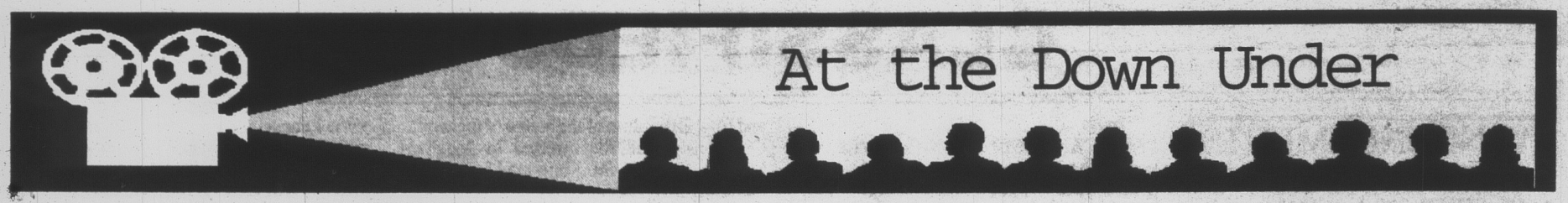
TUESDAY 20
11:15 a.m. Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting—OM 307
Last Meal Before Break: LUNCH
2:00 p.m. Grille Closes for Thanksgiving Break
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship—Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting—PH 112
6:00 p.m. RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE FOR BREAK
7:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Malone (H)
9:45 p.m. Mortar Board Meeting—PH 231

WEDNESDAY 21
THANKSGIVING BREAK

THURSDAY 22
THANKSGIVING DAY – College Closed
THANKSGIVING BREAK

Happy Thanksgiving

from your friends at *The Holcad*

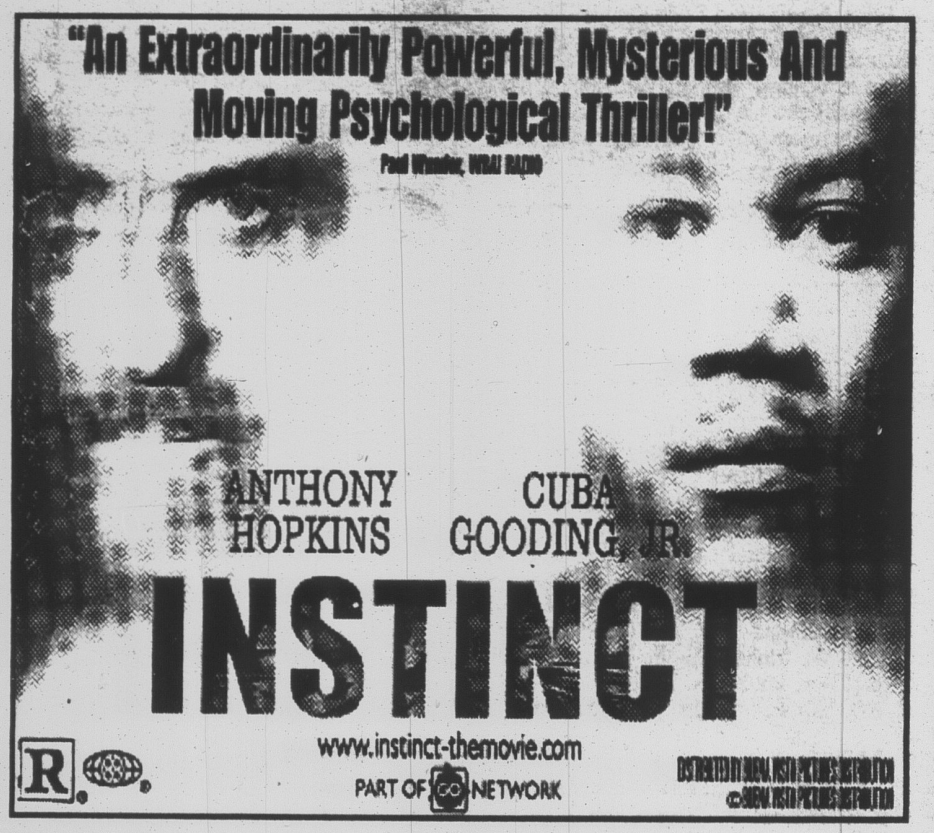


Inquiry Movie Weekend III

Nov. 16 - Friday
Inquiry Movies:

7:30 p.m.
Instinct

10 p.m.
October Sky



Nov. 17 - Saturday
Inquiry movies

7:30 p.m.
October Sky
&
10 p.m.
Instinct

Upcoming Events Fall '01

Nov. 27: Christmas Tree Decorating Party
7:30 p.m. in Orr Mezzanine

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1:
Inquiry Movie Weekend IV

Dec. 8: College Bowl
Team Registration Required

Nov. 18 - Sunday

9 p.m.
America's Sweethearts

(not an Inquiry Movie)

Friday, November 30, 2001

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Hundred-Acre-Wood journey begins

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The cast of the *Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail*.

By Karen Coulter
STAFF WRITER

The *Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail* will be presented at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Beeghly Theater. Alpha Psi Omega, the theater honorary, will present the story of friendship.

The organization does a student production each fall. Senior Brad Dell, president, said that several prospective directors submitted ideas for the show last April.

Senior Margaret Tommarello was chosen to head this year's production. Tommarello said she is enjoying her first stint as a director. She prefers her behind-the-scenes role to performing on stage. Tommarello has 10 years of high school and local theater experience.

"It's harder than I thought, but fun," Tommarello said. She said the most challenging part is the preparation and keeping everyone and everything organized.

The predominately freshman cast began rehearsals began in mid-October. Most of the cast was also involved either on stage or behind the scenes for *The Crucible*.

Christopher Robin (freshman Brent Rodgers) opens the show inviting everyone into the Hundred-Acre-Wood. There, we find Winnie-the-Pooh, Piglet and Eeyore, when Pooh makes the discovery that Eeyore's tail is missing.

Freshman Justin Bryan plays the part of the anguished donkey with the perfect balance of gloom and despair.

Pooh, played by freshman Richard Marmura, offers concern and promises to find his friend's tail by Christmas Eve.

From earnest Piglet, played by junior Katrina Kayden, to energy-filled Tigger, played by freshman Amy Dalbon, the play is sure to entertain.

The theme of friendship and helping others is carried throughout the play as Rabbit, Kanga, Owl, and a chorus of rabbit relations try to help Eeyore. Musical selections accompanied by freshman Tom Oyer and directed by sophomore Sara Kimbell complement the story line.

The box office opens Monday, Nov. 26

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Art show features student photography

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

Walking through Patterson lobby has been much more interesting over the past few weeks due to the photographs hanging on the walls for the upcoming Focal Point 2001. They will remain there until Nov. 30.

The photography show was held on Nov. 22 in Patterson. It exhibited student photography from Youngstown State University. Robert C. Mitchell was the curator of the event.

"Dr. Cox invited us to show photography here. This is the first time we've exhibited this kind of work at Westminster. Samples from 15 peoples' photography are represented, most of them are students, some of whom I have taught," Mitchell said.

Youngstown State University has a reputable art program consisting of more than 350 students. The show came at a key time in the semester, student scheduling.

"For the past few weeks students have been coming and asking me about YSU's photography program, and I've told them to come to this show and see for themselves. It's giving prospective art majors a look at what photography at YSU is like," Mitchell said.

An unusual facet of this exhibit are the mural photographs, which are large prints that may reach 16 by 20 feet. Because YSU's photography program has so many students, it has the proper facilities to print murals.

So the next time you walk through Patterson, take a closer look at those large photographs displayed on the walls, because they are not commonly found in student exhibits.

The work shown was completed fairly recently, most of it from this semester or 2001 summer courses, and the majority of the participating photographers were present during the show to answer questions about their work.

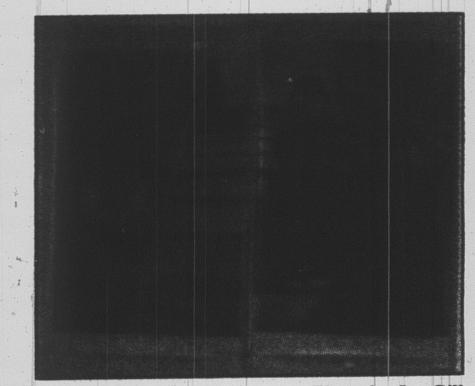
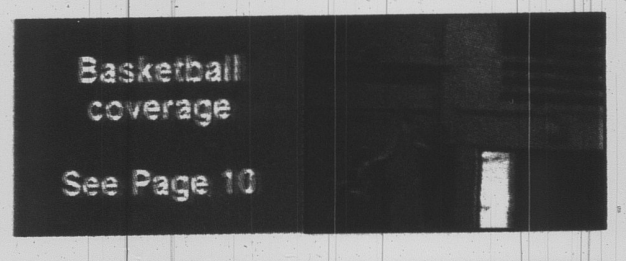


Photo by Joe Gill

Large photos hang in the gallery.



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Sunday: M. Cloudy high 46° low 33°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Stepping up: a guide to winter footwear selection

Photo by Kristin Park
Proper footwear ensures warmth and comfort.

By Melissa Logan
STAFF WRITER

Latitude. Hard Hats. Bolts. Lunch Box. Chukka. Bugabootoo High. Escapade. Stumped. These are all styles of boots.

To avoid shoe stress this winter when purchasing boots, don't pay attention to style names and colors. Instead, focus on three qualities: water resistance, insulation and traction.

"College students probably don't need waterproof boots," said Carolyn Farren, a sales representative from Timberland.

Farren said that unless boots are worn for extended periods of time each day, they have time to dry out between uses.

To prevent feet from becoming soggy, Farren suggests purchasing treated leather boots with sealed seams.

Spray-on waterproofing serves as an alternative to pretreated boots. Timberland, Shoebilee and Bass outlets at the Prime Outlets offer 5.5-ounce cans of the treatment.

Directions for application suggest applying it at the beginning and end of each winter season to prevent wet feet and stains.

Farren advises that a silicone spray not be used to treat boots. "If you spray with a plastic [substance], there is nowhere for the perspiration to go. No one wants soggy feet," Farren said.

GORE-TEX® lined boots, designed to prevent water from leaking into the shoe, are also offered. These boots are available at Timberland and GORE-TEX®'s web site www.gore-tex.com.

If warmth is a concern, forget about insulation unless a camouflaged, hunting boot is appealing. Few brands offer extra insulation.

Dr. Martens Airwalks, available at Journeys, are equipped with built-in nylon socks that trap warmth and keep water out. However, Dr. Martens only offer this feature for women.

Senior Amy Balderach said she is satisfied with her Dr. Martens. "I've had them for seven years and they're still 'kickin'," Balderach said.

For men's insulated boots, check out Bass outlet and its selection of Gravel work-boots.

To prevent sliding down the hill between Patterson and the Field House, students should consider an extra traction sole. Both Timberland and Wolverine offer specialty soles to prevent slipping.

After finding the perfect boots that are stylish, water resistant, warm and skid-free, proper care will keep them in good shape.

The GORE-TEX® website suggests cleaning the outside of boots with a cloth or brush, using a mild soap and lukewarm water. All road salt must be removed. Boots should not be placed in direct heat when drying.

Despite the advantage of water resistance, insulation and slip-resistance, many students buy boots for appearance and comfort.

"If a boot has those features, great. But, if not, that's fine too," senior Ryan Moore said.

Campus News Briefs

Choir director spends week conducting in Ecuador

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. -- Sharon Rotuna, director of the Westminster College Women's Choir, spent the week of Nov. 13-19 conducting in Coro Latinamericano, Pittsburgh's Latin American Choir, in Quito, Ecuador, as part of *Cantapueblo*, an annual music festival which features choirs from around the world.

Rotuna took on the role of conductor of this group of 20 members in July when she heard they needed someone to help prepare this group for the festival. In addition to her duties with this group and at the college, she is also an assistant conductor of the Bach Choir of Pittsburgh and a music teacher at Aquinas Academy in Wilwood.

"As the first multi-national folk choir from the United States to participate in *Cantapueblo,* Coro Latinamericano is both honored and proud," said Rotuna. "We're a group with diverse backgrounds. Many of us were born in Latin America, and others in the United States. We united in culture and song, and now we have a chance to vocalize our pride in America, as well as help shape harmony and good will worldwide."

The program presented in Ecuador included many songs from Venezuela, Argentina, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia, as well as African-American spiritual and a tribute to Pittsburgh-born composer Stephen Foster.

Celebrity Series to present two additional shows

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. -- The Westminster College Celebrity Series announces two extra Christmas shows.

"Christmas Bells Are Ringing" featuring the River City Brass Band, the Westminster College Concert Choir, the sixth-grade choirs from Hermitage and Wilmington Area School Districts, and local artist Joni McFarland, is scheduled Monday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

The 27-piece River City Brass Band is the first to be established in the United States in over 25 years, and is the largest full-time brass band in America. The yuletide spirit will abound when they deliver the holiday cheer in the form of traditional carols and Christmas classics.

Jeanne Wushinske directs the sixth graders in the Wilmington Area Middle School, and Julie Freeman conducts the Hermitage students. Directing the Westminster College Concert Choir is Dr. Robin Lind.

Students are admitted free with an adult to this performance. Adults can purchase tickets by contacting Connie McGinnis, assistant director of the Celebrity Series, at (724) 946-7354, or available seats can be purchased at the door.

"The Joy of Singing Christmas" featuring Marianne Cornetti, an internationally recognized mezzo-soprano, will take place Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

Cornetti, a native of Cabot, Pa., has gained recognition as one of today's finest Verdi mezzos. She has appeared on the stages of La Scala, Arena di Verona, Teatro Bellini in Catania, as well as with the opera companies of Washington, Pittsburgh, Minnesota, Baltimore and Atlanta. She will debut at the Metropolitan Opera in the 2002-2003 season in Amneris in *Aida.*

This concert is free and open to the public.

Planetarium show to be held

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. -- "The Explorers," a 35-minute multimedia planetarium show, is scheduled Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1, 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. in the college's Planetarium, located in room 116 of the Hoyt Science Resources Center.

"Exploration is one of the hallmarks of our species," said Dr. Samuel Lightner IV, chair and professor of physics. "We are curious and that curiosity drives us into the unknown."

"The Explorers" provides a look of the human exploration of the Pacific Ocean over the past 60,000 years. In the show, the audience will learn how ancient Polynesian voyagers used the stars to navigate the Pacific thousand of years ago to travel from Tahiti to Hawaii. The experience will also take a look at the future of man's next exploration into the vast ocean of space.

Following the show, there will be a demonstration of the prominent winter constellations in the planetarium, and weather permitting, attendees are invited to the rooftop observatory to look at the current sights in the night sky, including Saturn.

The event is free and open to the public, however, reservations are requested due to limited seating. For reservations, call (724) 946-7200 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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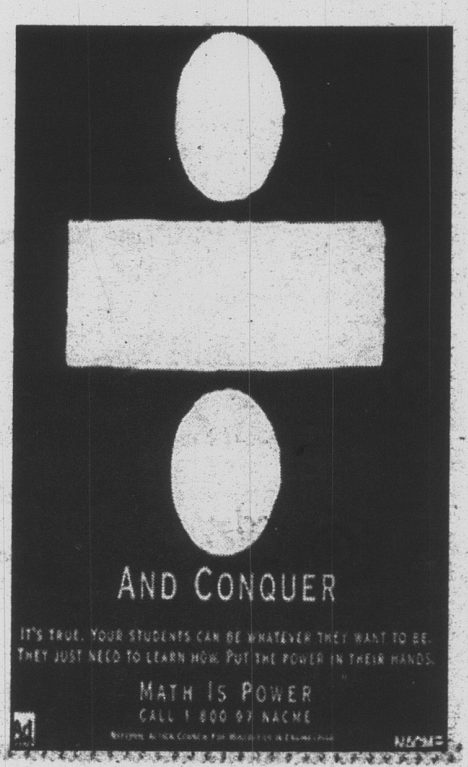
and reservations can be made at EXT. 7241. Donations will be accepted.

The play will also be presented on Nov. 29 and 30 to area elementary schools. Junior Katrina Kayden, production manager, said that New Wilmington, Farrell, Union, and Shenango elementaries have all responded to invitations.

"It's a gift to the community," said Eileen Hendrickson, director of the theater department.



FINALS

Final exam study techniques and tips

By Seth Bontrager
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again when the trees are bare, the snow begins to fall and the students are studying once again for final exams.

There are many study techniques students use to get through this stressful time.

"I think the easiest way for me to study is to use flashcards. It's a quick and easy way to quiz myself over the insanely large amount information I am responsible for," senior Lucas Shipe said. Flashcards are a favorite of many students.

"I like to go through each chapter and all of my notes picking out everything important to make my own study guide," junior Rebecca Lane said. This is a good method for students who are organized.

For those students who are religious, sophomore Matt "Buzz" Buzard has a different study technique. "I like to go to church and pray a lot the week before finals start," he said.

"I like when teachers provide a review sheet. I also like working in groups to get other peoples' thoughts and ideas about the questions," senior Jamie Sell said.

There are many other ways students can prepare for finals week. The Learning Center is available for extra help and the Health Center provides many stress relieving ideas.

Photo by Andi Majot
McGill offers many quiet corners where students can study.

Finding a new place to study: post-TUB life

By Michael Cosgrove
STAFF WRITER

The TUB had long been the center of activity on campus. The mailroom, bookstore, snack bar and many organizations dwelled there. Students gathered there to study, meet with groups and even hold dances.

But ever since the TUB was torn apart, students have had to find other places to gather. The mailroom and the student bookstore are now in the basement of Old 77. The career center is in Eichenauer. The snack bar has invaded the dining hall and has claimed part of it for a temporary home. Organizations like *The Holcad* and Alpha Phi Omega have had to find new homes.

There is no single place where the students can gather.

"When I study or just sit down to just like read a book, I either go to the library or just stay in my room at the house," senior Brian Wilson said.

Many students study in fraternity houses.

"I go to the Phi Tau study room … seriously, " sophomore Laura Steudler said.

Broadcast majors have found a nice place to hit the books, the radio station and cable 9-news room offer quiet places to study.

The freshmen who never experienced the TUB found various places to study.

"I usually go to the dorm lobby or a friend's room," freshman Geoff Zimmerman said.

Department lounges have become a popular place to hold group meetings. Students can also still be found with their noses in the books while they wash down a cheeseburger at the snack bar.

Fall Finals Schedule

	Exam 1 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Exam 2 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Exam 3 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Exam 4 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 12	9:20 a.m. TR	3:50 p.m. TR	12:50 p.m. MWF	Monday and Wednesday evening classes
Thursday, Dec. 13	12:30 p.m. TR	3:10 p.m. MWF	9:20 a.m. MWF	Tuesday and Thursday evening classes and TBA classes
Friday, Dec. 14	10:30 a.m. MWF	7:40 a.m. TR	2:00 p.m. MWF	
Saturday, Dec. 15	8:10 a.m. MWF	2:10 p.m. TR	Make-up period	

Stress Reduction Day

Tuesday, December 11
Noon until 4 p.m.
Massage Therapists from Casa Di Felice Day Spa of New Castle will be at the Student Health Center.
Please stop by for a massage!

Stop by the Relaxation Room at the Student Health Center
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday
The Relaxation Room is equipped with soothing music, a comfortable recliner, and other goodies to soothe your aching nerves.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Outlet shopping provides great gifts at bargain prices

By Ashley Mondale
STAFF WRITER

It's the time of year for gift buying and gift giving; the only problem is that cash flow has turned into a trickle and shoppers still need gifts.

The Prime Outlets in Grove City have something for everyone and plenty of bargains. Whether shoppers are looking for mom or dad, siblings or significant others, there are bargains at the outlets.

"You need to go straight to the clearance racks and start there," sophomore Melissa Logan said. "Sometimes bargains aren't out in the open."

Many clothing stores have savings this time of year. A good thing to look for is additional discounts.

Esprit offers an extra 20 percent discount on Wednesdays when students show their Titan Cards. Prime Outlets even offers the "MORE" card, which gives additional discounts at many of the stores. The "MORE" card is available through Dec. 23. It can be obtained online or at the customer service desk in the food court.

Timberland is having its pre-holiday sale from Nov. 17-28 where shoppers can save 25 percent.

A great gift for movie-lovers can be found at Blowout Video. *Shrek* on VHS or DVD is available for $19.99. To make it an even better deal, with *Shrek* you also get either a free used video or used video game.

"I bought my boyfriend *Shrek* and I got *Dude, Where's My Car?* free," sophomore Melanie Piddington said. "It's great for him 'cause he loves both movies and I really only paid for one."

Fossil offers watches at great prices. Most cost $30-$40, but there are sale watches for $19.99 and $29.99. Wilson's Leather, Levi's and Dockers all have nice wallets for reasonable prices.

Shoppers seeking gifts for women should check out Bath & Body Works. Shoppers can buy three products such as shower gel, bubble bath, and lotion for around $20. Crabtree & Evelyn is another stop for items to pamper the body.

Perfumania or Designer Fragrance & Cosmetics Co. are good places to find brand name perfumes and colognes at discount prices.

The key to bargain shopping is keeping an eye out for the bargains.

"I recently found a sweater at American Outpost for $10 and my boyfriend got one for $12," sophomore Rachel Smith said. "I found they had a lot of good deals."

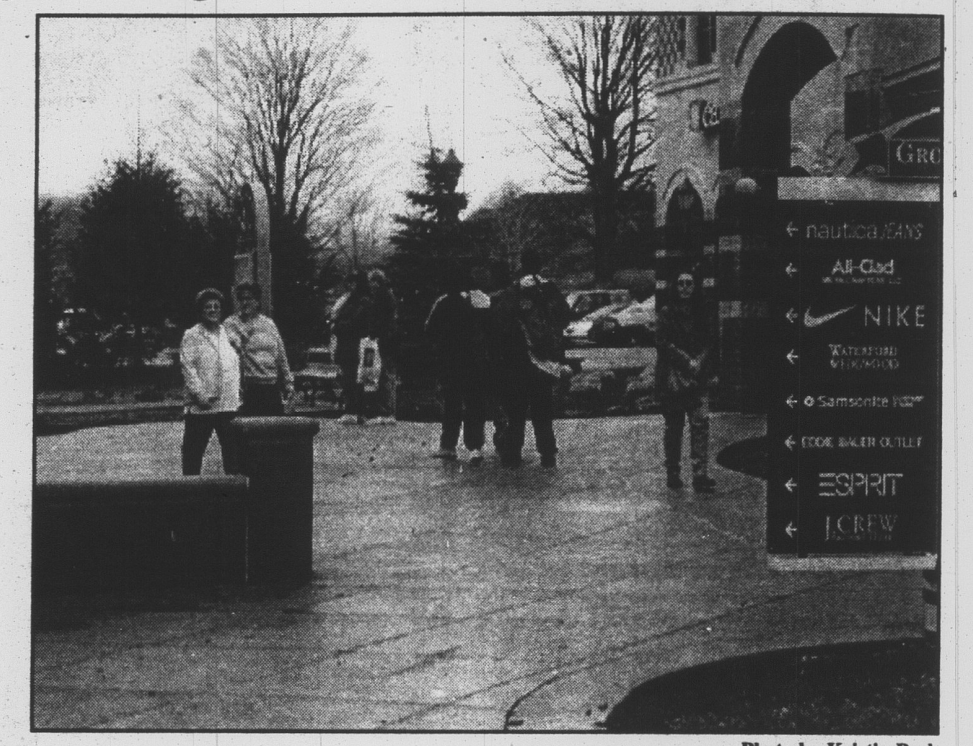


Photo by Kristin Park
Bargain hunters flock to Prime Outlets in Grove City.

Department stores feature wide variety of gift ideas

By Lauren Annibale
STAFF WRITER

The perfect holiday gifts can be found in one store. A wide selection of brand names, along with frequent sales, makes it easy to find a gift for everyone on the shopping list.

Most department stores have several main departments in common including clothing, shoes, home items, fragrances and cosmetics.

Some local department stores include Dillard's, JCPenney, Kaufmann's, Lazarus and Sears.

Shopping in department stores has many benefits. "Department stores offer a wide range of merchandise unlike specialty shops," said Rose Gilbride, director of Human Resources at Kaufmann's in Pittsburgh.

Bargains are another reason people enjoy shopping in department stores. According to Gilbride, department stores are always competitively priced with one another, especially during the holiday shopping season. "Our one-day sales and coupon events have proven to be the most popular," Gilbride said.

Bargains can be especially important for college students with a smaller budget. "There are always so many opportunities for me to save money in a department store," said Daniela DiRupo, a sophomore business major. "That's important since I have a lot of people to shop for at Christmas."

Good deals are not necessarily most important if a shopper is searching for the most popular items of the season. Year after year, some items remain atop the wish lists of children, men and women.

As with every holiday season, there are certain items that are in demand and can be hard to find, especially for children. The big item this year is Dora the Explorer, a cartoon character on a television show. Dora helps engage preschool-age children in an interactive adventure. Apparel and videos of Dora the Explorer are great gifts for any young child.

For women, fashionable clothing and jewelry are always good choices. "Suede and leather clothing appear to be the trend for women this year," said Yvonne Hollowood, a sales associate at a Kaufmann's department store.

Clothing also appears to be the popular choice for mens' gifts this year. According to Gilbride, brand names, particularly Sean John, are selling well during the holiday season. Sean John is the brand of clothing designed by performer Sean "Puffy" Combs, and is only available in department stores and some specialty stores. The line includes outerwear, shirts, jeans, casual sportswear and underwear inspired by Puffy's own image.

For the person who is hard to shop for, a gift card is a good idea. The shopper can choose the price value of a gift card, and the person receiving the card is able to purchase something on his or her own.

Online shopping helps consumers beat the crowds

By Laurie Duffee
STAFF WRITER

If you hate long lines, searching for parking spaces, crowds and carrying packages, online shopping may be for you. Online shopping can also save time and money, which can be important to students this time of year.

Time is precious when a student is preparing for finals. Online shoppers can get to a store with just a few clicks of the mouse. No time is wasted driving from store to store.

Hard-to-find items can be located faster on the internet.

The first time junior Ann-Marie Vazzano shopped online, she bought a book. "I couldn't find it at any bookstore so I went to Amazon.com and found it," she said. She said she is considering Christmas shopping online. "I'm thinking about it because it's easier to find what you need," she said.

Shoppers who enjoy the adventure of the stores may not want to rule out online shopping. The Internet is the best way to find items no longer available through retail stores. It is also a great place to find unique gifts.

The best site to find items no longer manufactured is e-bay.com, an online auction website. Senior Angela Steck bought her first online item there. She won an auction for an out-of-print CD for her boyfriend. "I got it for $20.50 with shipping and handling which is probably a little more than I would have paid in a store, but it's worth it," she said.

E-bay provides a site for buyers and sellers to exchange goods. It does not guarantee that the seller is legitimate so you take a chance of being ripped off. One way to avoid this is to click on the viewer's comments and read if buyers have anything negative to say.

Websites for shoppers on a budget are available. Overstock.com offers name brand items at clearance prices. Most items are 30 to 60 percent of the retail price. The website also offers free shipping on first purchases.

Shoppers can search for gifts under a certain price. One such site is 20bucks.com, where shoppers can find gifts under $20.

The web offers online shopping malls. One is giganticmall.com, which claims to be the largest online shopping mall on the internet. A shopper can go to the website and browse through a variety of stores. The stores are divided into a wide variety of categories.

There are even coupons and rebates. The best part about shopping at this mall is no aching feet.

Steck said she enjoyed shopping online but she is not abandoning traditional shopping methods. "It was fun but I'm still going to shop in stores because I like to shop. This was just something new and different," she said.

The number one thing to remember when shopping online is not to provide any credit card information on sites that are not secure.

Looking for great bargains for the holiday season?

Check out the bookstore's December sales:

Friday, November 30
20% off greeting cards

Saturday, December 1
20% off clothing

Monday, December 3
20% off Greek items

Tuesday, December 4
20% off books (not textbooks)

Wednesday, December 5
20% off stationary

Thursday, December 6
20% off stuffed animals

Friday, December 7
20% off school supplies

Saturday, December 8
20% off clothing

Monday, December 10
50% off Christmas merchandise

Tuesday, December 11
20% off all purchases

Saturday, December 15
20% off clothing

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December 1 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
December 8 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
December 15 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Bloomsburg U president ask students to drink safely

By Dan Lewerenz
Associated Press Writer

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. - Nearly a year after a student drank himself to death at a fraternity party, Bloomsburg University President Jessica S. Kozloff says the challenge is not to stop drinking, but to make sure it doesn't get out of hand.

"Students are going to drink. No matter what we do, we're not going to stop them," Kozloff said. "What we want is if they're going to drink, that they do it responsibly."

But even though a handful of students persist in drinking irresponsibly at college campuses across the country, officials say irresponsible drinking is the exception, not the rule.

According to the National Social Norms Resource Center at Northern Illinois University, more than 60 percent of students have four or fewer drinks when they do drink, and consume them at the rate of about one drink per hour. Most students keep track of how much they drink and avoid drinking on an empty stomach, and 73 percent use a designated driver when they have been drinking.

Those statistics are important, said Kozloff. Many students come to campus with the assumption that heavy drinking is just a part of college life, a view reinforced when binge drinking does cause the problems listed below.

In January, a Bloomsburg University student was videotaped chugging vodka at a fraternity party. Jared Drosnock, an 18-year-old freshman and former Pen Argyl High School wrestler, died from alcohol poisoning.

In Allentown, a Lafayette College freshman died last May after falling from a third-floor dormitory room window. An autopsy showed 19-year-old Hanne Tischler had a blood-alcohol level of 0.19, nearly twice the legal limit for driving.

In State College, dozens of students were arrested after an alcohol-fueled riot in the early morning hours of March 24, after Penn State University's men's basketball team lost to Temple University in the NCAA tournament. It was the third downtown riot in as many years.

"Just a week earlier, we had just as many people in the streets, we had just as much potential for trouble after Penn State beat North Carolina to get to the Sweet 16. But that was just a spontaneous mass celebration, just like dozens of others we've had here," said State College Police Chief Tom King. "The difference was that first night was a Sunday, and kids hadn't been drinking. A week later, it was a Saturday, and they had been drinking."

98-lb woman tackles, detains purse snatcher

By Chuck Ayers
The Morning Call

ALLENTOWN, Pa. - A hero can be a petite, unassuming woman.

And in mid-October on the streets of south Bethlehem, Shana Kresge was such a hero.

Kresge, a reserved, self-admitted homebody and resident of Germansville, saw a crime in progress and reacted by tracking down a suspected purse snatcher nearly twice her size and holding him until police arrived--something that surprised even her.

And for her selfless act, Kresge was honored on the Rosie O'Donnell show that aired Nov. 23, something that surprised her even more.

"I turned them down the first time," Kresge said, explaining that she didn't want to be thrust onto center stage for something not entirely in her realm of responsibility.

"It was God's minute," Kresge said. "God gave me that minute to do the right thing."

She also had a cash offer from the National Enquirer and another offer from local media to tell her story, all of which she turned down.

She did the right thing Oct. 15 when she saw someone snatch the purse of Dana Hernandez in the 400 block of Fillmore Street, tracking the suspect in her vehicle and seizing the moment when he slipped on a rotted apple. Jose Rivera, of no known address, is charged in the crime.

"He was scrambling on all fours, and I just threw my body into it," said the 97-pound Kresge. "My first reaction was 'You SOB, you're not getting away with this.'"

Kresge caught the suspect and pinned him to the ground with his arm behind his back until police arrived moments later.

"All I could think is, 'Don't let him get away.'"

The feat is even more remarkable considering that Kresge has five herniated discs in her neck for which she was wearing a brace on the day of the attempted theft.

"I couldn't even lift a gallon of milk," Kresge said. "I'm totally against violence, but when I see someone wronged I just can't stand it."

She did the right thing again about the invitation to appear on Rosie, after some encouragement from her mother-in-law and a girlfriend.

"After thinking about it, I wanted people to see that they are capable," Kresge said. "You need to show people that anyone is capable of doing good in this world."

Kresge became ecstatic, however, when Bethlehem Mayor Don Cunningham surprised her on stage and presented her with a plaque honoring her feat.

O'Donnell gave both women cruises for two to the South Caribbean.

"You don't expect things like this," Kresge said. "I never expected any phone calls, and I certainly didn't expect the cruise. I didn't do any of this for the publicity."

Johnstown police dept. seeks accreditation to squelch scandal

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. - The new police chief in Johnstown said the department will seek state accreditation in an effort to clean up its image.

Chief William Clark said police are tired of scandals associated with the department and "want to shape up."

"They are proud of working for city of Johnstown, and they know they need change," Clark said. "This is an opportunity to step up to the plate, raise the bar of professional standards and say, 'we may have issues, but we're working on them."

The city hired William Clark to replace former chief Robert Huntley in August.

A city-commissioned study by the Police Executive Research Forum in Washington, D.C., was highly critical of Huntley, calling the department under his command dysfunctional and "emotionally unstable." The report cited favoritism, micromanagement and low morale among officers.

There are about a dozen police departments that have been recognized by the newly formed Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The program requires departments to comply with 180 separate nationally recognized standards.

High school senior scores perfect 1600 on SAT exam

EASTON, Pa. - High school senior Matthew Traldi's score on the SAT college entrance exam was only 90 points better than his seventh grade attempt--but that gave him a perfect 1600.

"Actually, I think that was probably a bigger deal than this one was," 17-year-old Traldi said of his first crack at the test. "I mean, a 1600 is nice, but a lot of people do get them."

Of the 1.3 million SAT test-takers entering college this fall, 587 scored 1600, the College Board reported in August.

Traldi prepared for the test this year by just getting a good night's sleep. "Usually my biggest problem is staying awake through the whole thing because it's a very long test," he said.

His top interest is music. He's taking an advanced-placement course in music theory, plays violin in the orchestra and piano in the jazz band, and sings in the choir.

He figures he has won about $15,000 over the years in chess matches. He has used the money to buy recording equipment to convert his bedroom into a music studio.

Pittsburgh police hunt for gunman

PITTSBURGH-Pittsburgh police are looking for a man they say shot three men sitting in a car, injuring one man critically.

Two men were treated and released for wounds from the shooting and were able to walk out of the hospital on their own.

A third man shot in the head and was listed in critical condition at a Pittsburgh hospital late Saturday.

Pittsburgh police said they have good leads in the case and spoke with two of the victims after they were released from the hospital, but said officers have made no arrests.

Police said the man approached the car on the city's North Side and fired numerous shots at the three men sitting inside.

The car sped away at a high rate of speed, but struck a utility pole not far from the where the shooting took place, witnesses said.

Hospital officials would not release the name of the critically injured man. The two other victims would not give their names.

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NATIONAL

Cloned human embryo announcement could be hype

By Jeff Donn
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON - A research company reported Sunday it had cloned the first human embryo, a development it said was aimed at producing genetically matched replacement cells for patients with a wide range of diseases.

But the news from Advanced Cell Technology of Worcester, Mass., drew swift protests from religious and political leaders who saw it as a step toward cloning human beings.

Several states, including California, have banned human cloning, and Congress is considering such a ban. But company officials insisted their work is the first step in providing hope for people with spinal injuries, heart disease and other ailments.

"These are exciting preliminary results," said Dr. Robert P. Lanza, one of the researchers at Advanced Cell Technology. "This work sets the stage for human therapeutic cloning as a potentially limitless source of immune-compatible cells for tissue engineering and transplantation medicine."

Lanza and the company's top executive Michael West said they had no interest in transplanting such early embryos into a woman's womb to give birth to a cloned human being, nor was it clear that their embryo would be capable of that.

But the Washington D.C.-based National Right to Life Committee wasted little time Sunday attacking the announcement.

"This corporation is creating human embryos for the sole purpose of killing them and harvesting their cells," said the group's legislative director Douglas Johnson. "Unless Congress acts quickly, this corporation and others will be opening human embryo farms."

And a critic of the company who used to sit on ACT's ethics board said Advanced Cell's announcement was premature and would serve only to encourage such harsh reaction against cloning.

Glenn McGee, a University of Pennsylvania bioethicist who resigned from Advanced Cell Technology's ethics advisory board, called the announcement "nothing but hype." He said the company's report lacks any significant details, including what cells company scientists actually grew from the cloned embryo. The paper doesn't say if Advanced Cell was able to derive any human embryonic stem cells from its cloning effort.

"They are doing science by press release," he said.

In findings published Sunday by the online journal, e-biomed: The Journal of Regenerative Medicine, and described online in Scientific American, the scientists said they had grown a six-cell human embryo.

They said they created the early embryo by injecting a very small cell with its genetic material into a woman's donated egg. In such cloning, the injected DNA often comes from a skin cell, but the researchers this time used a cumulus cell, which nurtures a developing egg.

This technique could produce replacement cells only for a woman of childbearing age, since the injected DNA comes from a woman's reproductive system. However, the scientists have been experimenting with injecting adult skin cells into the eggs as well.

In a separate experiment, the scientists showed they could push the development of human egg cells even further with a technique known as parthenogenesis. In that process, they said, six eggs reprogrammed themselves to develop into early embryos.

Such eggs would be largely compatible with the genetics of the egg donor.

The scientists described all the work as preliminary. Neither experiment has yet produced the coveted stems cells, master cells which grow into all kinds of body tissues.

Other research groups in this country and abroad have plunged into efforts for human "reproductive cloning," which aims to produce a new person, or "therapeutic cloning," which seeks only to create embryos that would yield stem cells for treating diseases.

And last September, a report from the National Academy of Sciences--an independent, congressionally chartered organization-said therapeutic cloning should be pursued.

Dr. Norman Fost, director of the bioethics program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said he believes a "slippery slope" argument for banning therapeutic cloning is a poor approach.

One could have made such a case against test-tube fertilization, which has turned out to be beneficial, and can be seen as a step toward cloning humans, he said Sunday.

The announcement by the Massachusetts researchers, he said, is "a basic part of making stem cell research useful for human beings." That, he said is "a path which the huge majority of the American people favor."

The researchers described their work as an important step toward producing stem cells to generate replacement cells as treatments for diabetes, heart disease, spinal injuries, and many other ailments.

But using human embryos for such work faces huge hurdles in Washington.

"The president has made it clear that he is opposed to any type of human cloning," said White House spokeswoman Jennifer Millerwise. "He supported the House legislation to ban human cloning that passed overwhelmingly. The Senate has a busy calendar but this shows why it is important for the Senate to act."

On "Fox News Sunday," Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said that while he only had sketchy details, he was worried about reproductive cloning. He called the reports "disconcerting."

"I think it's going in the wrong direction," he said.

On NBC's "Meet the Press," Sen. Richard Shelby, D-Ala., said "I believe it will be perhaps a big debate, but at the end of the day I don't believe that we're going to let the cloning of human embryos go on."

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., told CNN's "Late Edition" that "the Senate should be deliberative."

"We really ought to take it based on much more thorough understanding than this first report," he said.

Carl Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, predicted that Congress will ultimately allow human cloning for therapeutic purposes. "Therapeutic cloning has been gaining allies as its applications are understood," he said.

Temporary dance floor over pool cracks; 50 injured

By Elizabeth A. Kennedy
Associated Press Writer

ROCHELLE PARK, N.J.-A temporary dance floor over a swimming pool at a nightclub gave way early Sunday, injuring more than 50 people who plunged into the water, authorities said.

About 35 people were taken to hospitals by ambulance after the dance floor collapsed about 2:15 a.m at the Metro Lounge, Police Chief Richard Zavinsky said. Another 20 went to hospitals on their own.

Most had cuts, sprains or broken bones, Zavinsky said.

"Most of the injuries appear to be minor to moderate," he said. "There are a few head injuries. Some people were knocked unconscious."

Police are investigating whether the party violated building codes or occupancy limits, Zavinsky said.

The temporary floor was made of plywood and plexiglass with steel framework. It covered an indoor in-ground pool, Fire Chief Sal Antista said.

It was unclear how many people were on dance floor when it collapsed. Zavinsky said more than 500 people attended the party, which began at 10 p.m. Saturday. The event was billed as a celebration for people with the astrological signs Scorpio and Sagittarius.

A man said the floor gave way when a large number of people got up to dance all at once.

"A song came on, and everybody got on the floor and started dancing," said Joseph Williams, 37. "I was in the middle of the crack. All you could hear was like ice cracking, like you when you pour hot water on ice."

After the collapse, he said, some people panicked and were hyperventilating and fainting.

"People got out and started saving people who were in the water," Williams said. "There were four people down who were carried out on a stretcher in a neck brace, stuff like that. I believe a young man had CPR done on him. I saw one lady with a deep gash on her leg."

A message left with Metro Lounge was not returned.

Four-year college students typically graduate late

By Maria Sprow
Michigan Daily

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - What is traditionally a four-year commitment is quickly becoming a five- and six-year standard. Many four year colleges and universities are suffering from an influx of perennial students-students who, for one reason or another, don't graduate on time.

Nationally, only one-third of undergraduate students attending a four-year college graduate on time. Many universities are bracing for this low rate to cause problems in the near future. Rural and suburban universities, expecting that as part of the fallout from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks students will be less likely to go to an urban school, worry about overcrowding and over-enrollment.

To alleviate the problem, some states--such as Pennsylvania and Texas--are offering universities with graduation rates above a certain percentage additional funding. And some schools are requiring that students seek permission before taking longer than four years to graduate.

The University of Michigan, with a 61 percent four-year graduation rate, has the highest rate of any public university in Michigan.

Officials here said students staying longer than four years is not a problem.

"Chief among the reasons for the 60 percent four-year U of M graduation rate: the quality of the undergraduate students admitted to the university, the high motivation to succeed among our student body and the hugely pre-professional interest among some of our students and the quality of the undergraduate education experience," said Esrold Nurse, assistant dean of LSA academic affairs.

Other schools in Michigan and the Big Ten aren't faring so well. Michigan State University has the second-highest four-year graduation rate in the state, at 31 percent. At Eastern Michigan University, fewer than 10 percent of freshmen graduate within four years, and only 35 percent graduate within six years. Across the Big Ten, the University of Minnesota and the Ohio State University are neck-and-neck for last place; the graduation rates of the schools are 17 and 19 percent, respectively. Purdue University (28 percent), University of Wisconsin (39 percent), Indiana University (40 percent), Pennsylvania State University (43 percent) and University of Illinois (52 percent) are somewhere in the middle.

With its $25,000 tuition, private Northwestern University tops the other 10 public schools, graduating 83 percent of its freshman class within four years.

INTERNATIONAL

Yemen discloses information about USS Cole attack

SAN'A, Yemen - Yemen has given vital information to U.S. investigators looking into last year's USS Cole attack that killed 17 sailors and injured 37, Yemeni officials and western diplomats said on Sunday.

"We are exchanging information, and have provided to our American friends all the information we have that might lead to identify the people involved in terrorist activities," a Yemeni security official said on condition of anonymity.

U.S. and Yemeni investigators have spent more than a year investigating the October 2000 suicide attack on the Cole, a destroyer, in the southern port of Aden.

"The Yemenis have given the Americans new information that has provided them with precise and important details about the people involved in the bombing of the USS Cole last year, the Sept. 11 attacks and the (1998) bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania," a western diplomat said on condition of anonymity.

The diplomat said that the information showed a close link between the three attacks.

"The plotting, communications and operations leading up to the execution are similar," he said.

Officials close to the investigation said that one of many people detained for questioning confessed that he knew one of the men involved in Sept. 11 attacks.

The officials, requesting anonymity, said at least two people in custody admitted knowing individuals involved in planning and financing the Cole attack and the embassy bombings, including Yemeni citizens Abdulrahim al-Nasheri and Mohammed Omar al-Harazi.

In March, the Yemeni government identified al-Harazi as a leading suspect in the Cole attack.

The 26 September newspaper said U.S. investigators believed al-Harazi also played a key role in the U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 231 people. They mentioned no link between him and Osama bin Laden, who has been indicted for the embassy bombings and is suspected of carrying out the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States.

U.S. and Yemeni investigators have concluded al-Harazi is in Afghanistan, the official 26 September newspaper reported in October.

Another man detained following the Sept. 11 attacks said al-Nasheri was part of group that had planned to blow up an American warship, long before the Cole attack. However, the plan failed after the boat, laden with explosives, capsized.

No details were available on al-Nasheri's whereabouts.

Meanwhile, Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, currently on a four-nation tour, was expected to arrive in Washington for an official visit on Sunday from the Netherlands. He is expected to meet President George W. Bush and other U.S. officials.

During his visit, Saleh is expected to sign an anti-terrorism agreement, which will cover the exchange of intelligence information and the training of Yemeni security officers, a Western diplomat said on Saturday.

The United States will provide finances and expertise to implement the agreement, the diplomat said on condition of anonymity.

Training will include support to develop Yemen's coast guard, of interest to the United States to ensure the security of its warships passing through the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and the southern port of Aden for taking on fuel, the diplomat added.

Other Western diplomats told the AP that the United States would provide Yemen dollars 150 million in 2002 to pay for security apparatus upgrades in the country.

Bin Laden ally killed in northern Afghanistan

BANGI, Afghanistan - An Islamic militant leader from Uzbekistan who was a key ally of Osama bin Laden was killed in northern Afghanistan, an anti-Taliban general said Sunday.

Juma Namangani, 32, was wounded during fighting for the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, where the Taliban were routed Nov. 9, and he died days later, northern alliance Gen. Daoud Khan said. It was not possible to verify the claim.

The rebel leader's real name was Jumaboi Khojiev, but he was known as Namangani for his hometown of Namangan in the former Soviet state of Uzbekistan.

Namangani came to Afghanistan late last year, about the same time an Uzbek court sentenced him to death for terrorist acts after trying him in absentia. He was believed to have a home in Kabul, the Afghan capital.

By this spring, Namangani had become close to bin Laden, the chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and was appointed head of bin Laden's "foreign legion," according to Uzbek special services.

Other reports said Namangani was deputy head of bin Laden's military operations.

Namangani was long the military leader of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, which seeks to install an Islamic fundamentalist regime in the Central Asian country that neighbors Afghanistan on the north. Over the past two years he rose to become the movement's overall leader.

The Uzbek government alleges Namangani's group was behind a series of 1999 bombings in the capital, Tashkent, that it claims targeted President Islam Karimov.

The U.S. State Department placed his group on a list of terrorist organizations last year after the kidnapping of four American mountain climbers in Kyrgyzstan, another former Soviet state.

The secular, authoritarian government of Uzbekistan is a U.S. ally in its war against terrorism, and American troops are currently based there. The Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan opposes ties to the United States.

Namangani was born to the poor family of a village teacher and attended a vocational school. In 1987-89, he served with Soviet paratroopers fighting in Afghanistan.

The Soviet army withdrew in 1989 after a failed 10-year war, and when Namangani returned home, he joined an underground Islamic movement. He helped found the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan in 1997.

Airstrikes help put down pro-Taliban prison uprising

By Burt Herman
Associated Press Writer

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan - Northern alliance forces and U.S. airstrikes put down a prison uprising Sunday by foreign pro-Taliban captives from the northern city of Kunduz, U.S. and alliance spokesmen said. The alliance and a member of the U.S. special forces at the scene said hundreds of foreign fighters were killed.

The prisoners were mostly Pakistanis, Chechens and Arabs believed loyal to Osama bin Laden. Alliance spokesman Zaher Wahadat said they seized weapons from their guards and captured an ammunition depot, using it to fight the troops deployed to put down the unrest.

A Pentagon spokesman said about 300 fighters took part in the riot, which was put down with U.S. airstrikes and fighters of northern alliance Gen. Rashid Dostum, who controls the Qalai Janghi fortress where the riot took place.

"They were all killed and very few were arrested," Wahadat said.

Footage from a German television crew that was inside the compound, 15 kilometers (10 miles) west of Mazar-e-Sharif, showed guards atop walls firing down into crowds of prisoners below.

As tanks rolled into the compound, a member of the U.S. Special Forces who identified himself only as David could be seen on a telephone calling in airstrikes, the footage from the ARD network showed.

"There's hundreds dead here at least," he could be overheard saying.

Yahsaw, a spokesman for northern alliance commander Mohammed Mohaqik, said the prisoners broke down the doors and tried to escape, then battled all day with guards at the Qalai Janghi fortress.

The Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Col. Dan Stoneking, confirmed that some U.S. special forces were in the compound when the fighting broke out, and said "it appears all U.S. personnel are accounted for" and believed safe.

Stoneking said the fighting involved about 300 "hard-core Taliban" prisoners, most of them from Pakistan and Chechnya. He said some of the fighters had smuggled weapons into the prison compound and began fighting northern alliance forces.

"There was general pandemonium," said Simon Brooks, head of Red Cross operations for northern Afghanistan, who was at the prison to check on the detainees' condition when gunfire rang out.

Dostum brought in about 500 of his troops and quashed the riot with the help of airstrikes from U.S. forces, Stoneking said.

Explosions could still be heard from the direction of the compound Sunday evening, and gunfire could be heard on the streets of Mazar-e-Sharif.

Brooks said he fled from the compound by climbing onto the roof with northern alliance commanders, and when he returned in the afternoon he found three men with serious injuries making their way toward Mazar-e-Sharif.

He couldn't get close to the prison because U.S. airstrikes were targeting the southern part of the compound, where the prisoners were being held, he said.

The prisoners had surrendered outside of the nearby city of Kunduz under a deal aimed at ending a two-week siege by the northern alliance. Under the deal, they were to be imprisoned and investigated for ties to bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

The northern alliance claimed to have captured Kunduz on Sunday.

Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, has repeatedly appealed to the United States and Britain to prevent massacres of Pakistani fighters, many of whom went to Afghanistan after the bombing campaign began.

But the spokesman for Pakistan's military-led government, Gen. Rashid Quereshi, said Sunday night that it was too early to comment on the uprising.

"We are not even sure whether there were any Pakistanis there," he said. "We don't have any presence in Afghanistan. We have to check the facts first before making any comments."

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HEALTH

Caffeine pills are safe and effective if used properly

By Isaac Ludwig
STAFF WRITER

While potentially dangerous, if used correctly caffeine pills can increase awareness and even relieve migraine headache pain.

Caffeine pills are a concentrated form of the stimulant caffeine, which increases alertness and body activity. The use of caffeine pills has become a popular way for students to stay awake late at night while trying to finish a paper or study for an exam. If one builds up a tolerance or ingests too much caffeine it can become dangerous and addicting. However, according to physician Dr. James Gregory, if students follow the directions for pill usage, the caffeine will safely serve its intended purpose.

For safe usage, consumers should refrain from taking too many caffeine pills at once, and should not take the pills with other products that contain caffeine such as chocolate, coffee and most soft drinks. "It's safe if you follow the directions," health center Director Judith Duda said.

According to Duda, the health center usually sees at least one case a semester of someone who has suffered ill effects from caffeine. When this happens it usually is not very serious, and the caffeine can be flushed out of a person's system by drinking a large amount of water.

If used too often, caffeine can become very addictive. If you notice yourself having to drink that cup of coffee in the morning just to stay awake, or if you need to take a caffeine pill every night just so you can stay awake to finish studying, you might have a problem. "Just don't use it too often and it will work for you better when you do use it," Duda said. Because it can be addicting, people who stop using caffeine pills or getting caffeine from some other source can suffer withdrawal symptoms such as headaches.

Caffeine can also be used to relieve migraine headache pain. It does this by constricting the dilated blood vessels, thereby reducing the pain. Caffeine also increases the potency of medications such as aspirin and can somewhat relieve asthma attacks.

People who are prone to urinary tract infections should stay away from caffeine because of the stress it puts on that part of the body. Caffeine can also cause calcium loss. Calcium is an important mineral that most students do not get enough of, and large amounts of caffeine can make this problem worse.

Caffeine has also been suggested as a possible cause of cancer and birth defects. However, there are not any studies that have confirmed these charges. The FDA does not include caffeine on its "generally recognized as safe" list, but acknowledges that there is no evidence of danger at normal levels of use.

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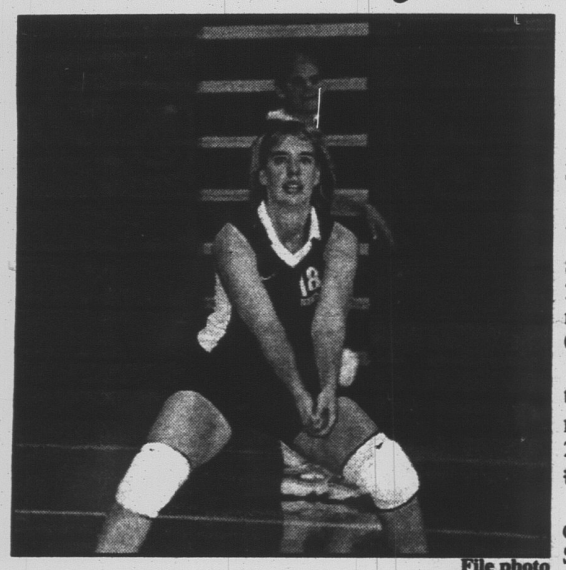
SPORTS

Titan volleyball team takes ECAC title



File photo

Senior Meredith Etcher sets up a play.

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The volleyball team became the first in college history to capture an ECAC title on Nov. 17. The Lady Titans were seeded fourth out of four in the tournament, hosted by Westminster. They defeated top-seeded American International 30-20, 30-17, 30-28 in the opening round, then defeated #2 seed Concordia (N.Y.) 22-30, 30-18, 30-19, 30-28 in the title match to capture the championship. Concordia reached the finals via a 30-28, 30-22, 28-30, 32-30 first round victory over #3 seed C.W. Post.

Earning Tournament MVP honors was senior outside hitter Shannon Simmons, who totaled 23 kills, 10 assists, 18 digs and four blocks in the two wins. With the two wins, the Titans closed the 2001 season with a 27-8 overall record.

Simmons was the top gun in the title match against Concordia (18-11), posting 15 kills and nine digs. Junior middle hitters Suzanne Fitz and Katie Spehar added 13 and 10 kills, respectively, with Fitz adding a team-high five blocks. Junior setter Carolee Reed set up 36 assists and had a team-best four service aces.

In Westminster's opening round win over American International, Fitz led all players with 18 kills, followed by Spehar with 11 and Simmons and senior outside hitter Meredith Etcher each with eight. Etcher also tallied a team-high four service aces and 16 digs. Reed set up 42 assists in the win.

"It was a great way to end an awesome season. We didn't know what to expect, especially since we were the last seed. We just played our hardest and showed everyone that we belonged in the tournament," Simmons said.

A football fan in the making

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

For years, I was the only non-football fan in a house of fanatics. My family worships few things, but God and the Cleveland Browns are the two highest on the list (in that order, of course). I never understood the significance of watching these faceless men scramble on a football field for an extremely long time, hitting the hell out of each other once a week. The game seemed ridiculous to me and I found no pleasure in watching. Lately, however, my view has changed.

In my opinion, baseball was the true sport for red-blooded Americans. Fans know the players because they see facial expressions, body language and emotions. Football players are hidden by bulky helmets and padding, masking their faces, except for the few close-ups after a stellar or horrible play. The only emotion we see is a stupid dance after a touchdown, first down, interception, field goal, safety, completed pass, run for any amount of yardage (even negative), penalty, coin flip, soft breeze, etc. The cockiness is the only view we get of these men, unlike baseball, where dancing is taboo and good sportsmanship is encouraged.

Nevertheless, I have developed a new respect for the game of football. Since I have been surrounded by it for so long, it was destined to happen. What other sport is tied into annual American celebrations? Thanksgiving and New Year's Day are just two days when football is commonplace and expected. I can't remember the last time I celebrated a Thanksgiving that didn't involve a football game. My memories do not include negative feelings about watching a sport I do not enjoy. Rather, it is a time when my family and friends gather together to cheer for our teams and take pleasure in each other's company.

Upon further investigation, I have also learned to appreciate the sport itself. This past weekend, for example, included many games, big and small, that were exciting and entertaining. On a large scale, the Cleveland Browns shut out the Cincinnati Bengals in the battle of Ohio's NFL teams. Also, Ohio State upset the University of Michigan, which is always a thrill. On a smaller scale, Kent State University, which is minutes away from my hometown and the place of my father's employment, beat Miami (Ohio), for their first winning season since 1987. Watching these games was not a chore to me, like it had been in the past. Rather, I anticipated the games, did a minimal amount of research on the opponents, and was able to benefit from my limited knowledge. Understanding the games is helpful as well. I ask about 15,000 questions during a single game, but I now know that if a player on defense carried the offensive receiver of the ball into the opposite end zone, it wouldn't be a touchdown for the team on defense. Questions like these may seem stupid (and they probably are), but I learn about the game and the countless rules that are the framework for football.

While I am not a football expert, or even close to knowing much about the game at all, I at least understand it and value the tradition associated with it. Watching games is usually enjoyable now, which is a far step up from my past. I will continue to ask stupid questions while I am watching ("If the kick-off goes through the goal posts, does it count as three points?") and will continue learning about this complicated sport. I may even try to learn about more players than the few I recognize to add personalization to the sport. Overall, my respect for the sport of football has grown tremendously during the last few years and will continue to develop.

Men's b-ball remains even on season

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

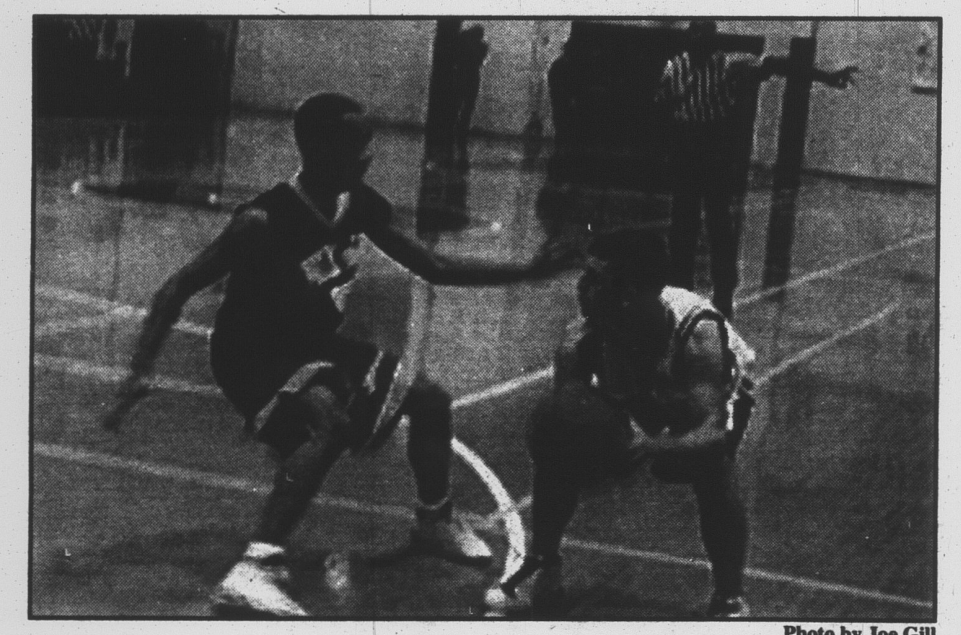


Photo by Joe Gill

Sophomore Mike Hill tries to pass the ball.

The men's basketball team remained even on the season after a win and loss at the Allegheny College Annual Dad's Classic tournament this past weekend.

During the first game, the Titans fell to Muskingum College 66-60.

Muskingum led by 10 at the half, opening the lead to 15 by the onset of the final period. The Titans never gained the lead, only narrowing the gap to three with 1:07 remaining after an 18-6 scoring burst. The Muskies returned by sinking three of four from the charity line as the clock ran out.

Pat O'Connor led the Titan effort with 18 points and four steals, while sophomore Andy Pobielski put up 14-points, shooting 7-11 from the field. Senior forward Ryan Oman led both assists and rebounds with three and seven respectively.

The men evened their overall record during the second game of the weekend, with an 84-77 victory in the consolation match against Alma College, Mich.

Both teams held short leads throughout the first half until Westminster opened a seven-point lead off a 13-6 run in the second quarter, bringing the score to 44-37 at the half.

Alma regained the lead on a 13-2 scoring run and held on until freshman guard Chris Hatch put the Titans ahead 71-69 with 4:40 remaining. Westminster hit eight of eight free throws during the final two minutes to seal the win.

Junior guard Rick Giordano led the team with a career-high 27 points, going 8-15 from the field and 9-12 from the line.

Hatch and Pobielski added 16 points apiece, while Oman earned All-Tournament honors posting 13 points and nine rebounds.

The men return to action this Saturday to face Tiffin in a 6:00 p.m. home contest.

Lady Titan b-ball drops to 0-3

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team dropped to 0-3 after a 68-62 loss to visiting Malone last Tuesday.

The Pioneers took an early 9-0 lead during the first minutes of the contest and held on until a three-pointer by senior guard Robin Thayer put the Titans ahead 32-30 at the close of the half.

During the third period, the ladies gained as much as a six-point lead, before being outshot 25-13 in the final 11:20.

Thayer led the team in scoring with 14, while freshman forward Erica Tallo posted 11 points and nine boards. Junior guard Jaime Lynn added 10 points to the effort.

The ladies will return to action this Saturday at Mount St. Aloysius for a 1:00 p.m. contest.

For more Titan sport action, head to:

www.westminster.edu/Athletics

Track nears completion after numerous delays

By Amy Bridge
STAFF WRITER

The state-of-the-art track will soon be completed, making our campus one of few local colleges hosting a track only a step or two below Olympic regulation.

The track was to be completed Oct. 13, 90 days after the project commenced. Environmental conditions, however, have slowed progress. The track is composed of several layers of delicate materials that can be damaged by weather conditions such as moisture and coolness during the phases of construction.

"Although the individual materials are fragile, the final product is indestructible. I have a sample piece in my office and I can't tear it apart," project director Larry Ratvasky said.

Due to the delay in project completion, the college has faced additional costs. Because the track is composed of several layers, it was constructed in several steps. Each layer of the track had to set completely before the next layer could be added. The college invested in temporary fencing to protect the track from someone walking across the unfinished surface, as well as a security guard to patrol the area and protect against trespassers. In addition to these costs, the phone line to the boathouse was cut four times.

The contractor, Mcellvoy Paving, and subcontractor, S.W. Industries of Wichita, Kan., may be asked to cover these expenses.

The base of the track is four inches of stone covered with a 3.5 inch asphalt binder, topped by 1.5 inches of a finishing asphalt. Finally, a plastic material is added for bounce, and a red colored sealant, which provides waterproofing and extra traction. "The track looks like a spongy Rice Krispy Treat, but it can't be broken apart or eroded by the weather," Ratvasky said.

The final step of the project is line painting. "The line painters have been contacted and the track should be completed by the end of the month," Ratvasky said.

The women's track team will open its first season on the newly completed surface. Sophomore Rena Paroz said she is considering running in the spring. "I'm excited to try out the new track surface. I'm sure it will be a big difference from the old track," Paroz said.

Photo by Joe Gill
The new track will be only a step or two below Olympic regulation.

Swim teams remain undefeated after sweeping Ashland

By Brian Wilson
STAFF WRITER

Both the men's and women's swim teams remain undefeated in dual meets after sweeping former GLIAC rival Ashland the weekend before break.

Sophomore Matt Buzzard led the men with wins in the 50 and 100 freestyle, while senior Kurt Rotthoff added a win in the breaststroke and contributed to a winning 200 medley relay. All-American junior Jim Mann won the 100 backstroke.

On the women's side, senior Jaime Sell claimed the 200 and 1000 freestyles, while sophomore Brittany Jardine took the wins in the 400 individual medley and the 100 butterfly and swam a leg of the winning 200 medley relay. Junior Stephanie King added a win in the 100 breaststroke.

"You could feel the competitive atmosphere just sitting there while each swimmer geared up for his or her events," team manager Nicole Patterson said. "I was very impressed with the team's performance and I am glad to be their manager. As the team says, 'We kicked some Ash.'"

Both teams return to action this weekend at the Akron University Invitational.

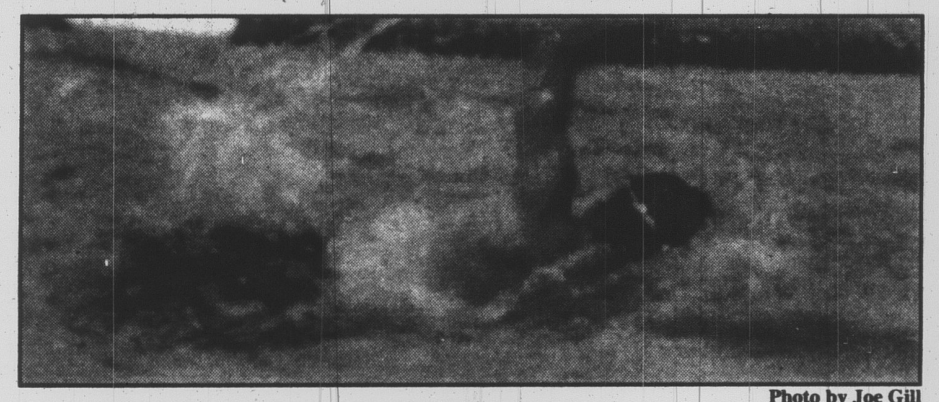


Photo by Joe Gill
A Titan reaches for the win.

This week in sports

Friday -- 11/30/01
SW at Akron Invitational - 10 a.m.

Saturday -- 12/1/01
SW at Akron Invitational - 10 a.m.
WBB VS. MOUNT ALOYSIUS - 1 p.m.
MBB VS. TIFFIN - 6 p.m.

Sunday -- 12/2/01
SW at Akron Invitational - 9 a.m.

Wednesday -- 12/5/01
WBB at Slippery Rock - 7 p.m

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Why aren't the baseball games on television or radio?"

"I'm glad that when security is called about a REAL problem they think it's a joke and just don't come!"

"Turn down the heat until it snows."

"It would really be nice if the fitness center was open before 1 p.m. Some of us do have class."

"Why does security have to lock main access doors at 6 p.m.? Guess what--I still have classes and work, and the locked doors are a huge inconvenience!"

"Why is it that the people who complain the most are the first ones to refuse to do anything about it? Take some initiative."

"Where's the snow?"

"Big Brother is watching."

"What's up with 'Muddy Lane' between the creek and softball field? It's just screams lawsuit."

"Why do they stack the cups so high in the cafeteria? Are they trying to dehydrate the short people?"

"Why hasn't there been a psychology club meeting yet this year?"

"Maybe they should replace the snowflake symbol on the heaters with a raging fire. My room is an inferno!"

"Why doesn't the TUB have some food ready in the morning in between classes? Nobody wants to waste food, but when 20-40 people come in at that same time every morning, it would be OK to have some hash browns waiting."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Finals

Final exam time has come again. As students busily try to cram a semester's worth of information into their tired heads, the stress can become overwhelming.

To help students overcome this stress, here is some unsolicited advice many of you will not take.

One of the contributing factors to a poor finals period is the improper usage of Reading Day and the night before. Believe it or not, Reading Day is meant to be a time of study and rest. This is not always the case though, as many organizations select this day for outings and celebrations. There are also other brain cell-killing activities students engage in on this day that do not constitute proper final preparation.

While most will not heed this warning, if you are planning to use your Reading Day for something other than study, don't tempt others to join you who need this time to prepare.

Organization is key when it comes to finals. Not only should notes and study-guides be carefully organized, but students should keep track of what has to be completed by what date. Making a list of all tasks in the order of when they must be completed will give students a clear idea of what must be done. If the list is posted or kept in a visible place, crossing off completed tasks can be motivating. Make sure to include a variety of tasks, not just class work, to make sure you remember everything you need to do before break.

Take time to relax and eat regularly. Eating healthy would be a bonus, be we're mildly realistic. If possible, take a brief trip off campus to eat out. This will give you time to fill your stomach, take a break, and catch up on what everyone is doing. It's not a good idea to take work along if you will only be gone for a brief time. Use the short break to really relax; it will help you focus better on your work when you return to it later.

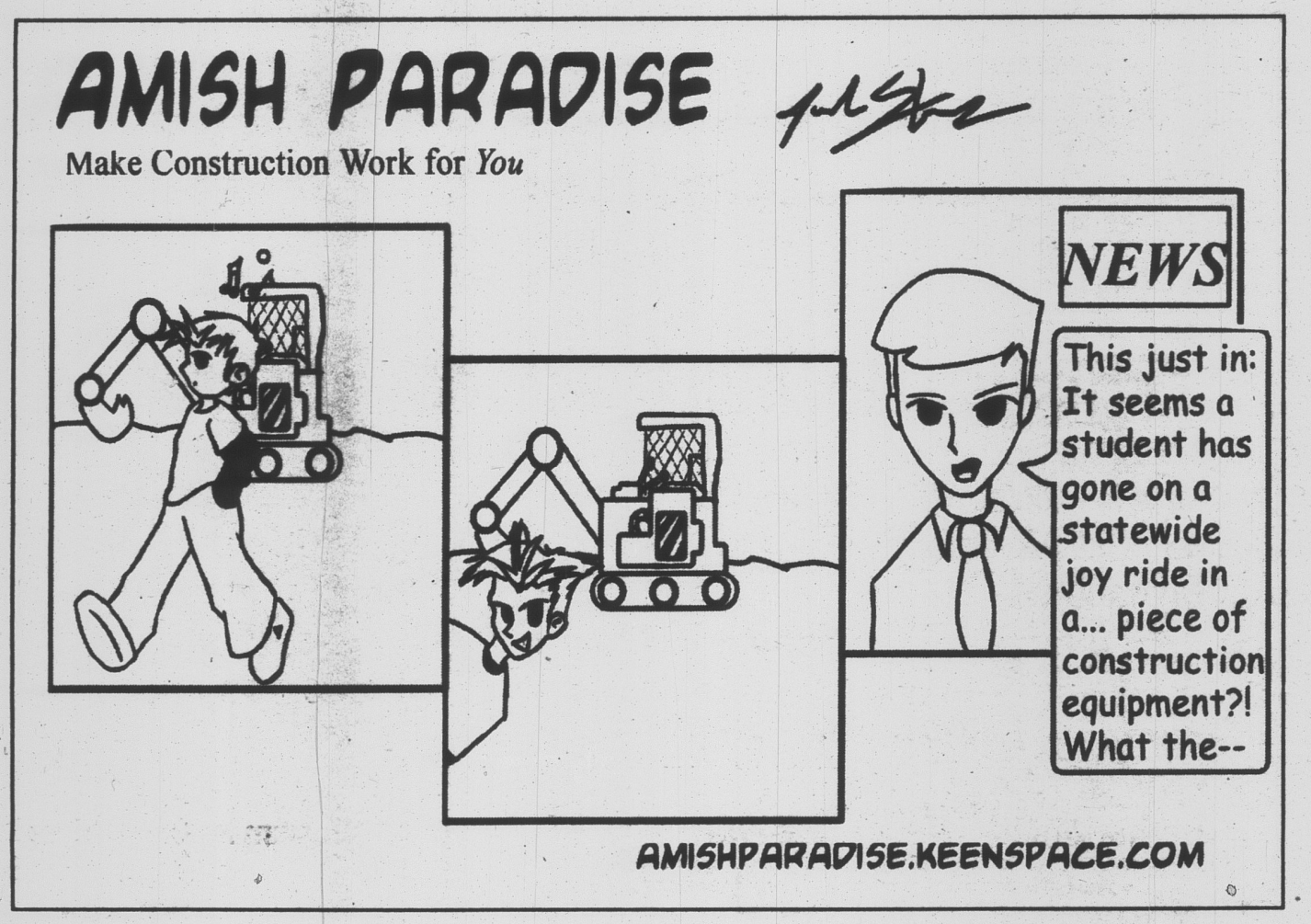
Remember finals time is stressful for everyone, including professors. Try not to see them as the enemy—they are, after all, just trying to make sure you earn that diploma.

Avoid study groups that don't help you understand the material. While study groups might be fun, they are not always helpful. Some people learn better around others, but many students would be better off reviewing the material in a quiet place.

Don't read every word of every assignment again (or for the first time). Who are you trying to impress? Skim the material, pausing occasionally to test your comprehension. Spend more time on what you don't understand after ensuring you have a basic understanding of everything.

Try to guess what questions the professor will ask. Was anything specifically pointed out that would be on the final? Did the professor mention something multiple times? At this point, a study group might be helpful for brainstorming possible essays.

Remember finals time is stressful for everyone, including professors. Try not to see them as the enemy—they are, after all, just trying to make sure you earn that diploma. If you have questions, schedule conferences with them reasonably early. Be prepared if they do not have time for you. Be grateful and have your questions organized if they do.



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Guest editorial: War criminals need to be tried

Staff Editorial
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON – Has the definition of a war criminal changed since the Sept. 11 attacks? Has the image of the post-WW II Nazi soldiers standing at Nuremberg in front of an international panel of judges been replaced by a new standard of war crimes established by the Northern Alliance for Taliban supporters?

The Northern Alliance is offering Afghan soldiers two options. They can either surrender, pledge allegiance to the Northern Alliance and help to eradicate the Taliban, or they can surrender and return peacefully home to their families.

The Northern Alliance needs to offer a third choice — international investigation into the atrocities committed by Taliban and Afghan officials.

While every common soldier should not be judged, those who committed and participated in Afghanistan's crimes against humanity — crimes that include mass murder and rape — must be held accountable. And the Northern Alliance needs to take an active role in sorting out those who are responsible for these crimes, and detaining them until the United States can implement a fair trial system.

The Northern Alliance must recognize the fine line between the war criminals and the victims. While every soldier is not guilty, each must be carefully considered. Gross acts against humanity have been committed; not only were 4,000 American lives lost in the Sept. 11 attacks, but also the Afghan people have been subjected to murder, rape and famine by their own government. Furthermore, the government of Afghanistan is in a precarious position, and more importantly, the citizens are in a dire situation — the United States must proceed with caution when releasing Afghan officials. For in releasing these officials on their own recognizance, they could conceivably perpetuate further acts of terrorism.

Afghan crimes against humanity are not rooted in the debris of the Twin Towers in New York City; these crimes begin with a government that persecuted its own people, wrecked a nation and spawned terrorist ideology. And these leaders, who attacked their own people and managed to attack the American way of life, should not be allowed to go home — they forfeited their personal life with their deplorable actions against humanity.

Guest editorial: Americans put away your pocketbooks

Staff Editorial
Massachusetts Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. — The retail world is worried we won't buy anything. That's amazing. Last week's post-Thanksgiving sales showed us the great lengths that the business world goes to keep our economy moving. Don't be fooled by the gimmicks. Don't be fooled by the shtick. Corporate America can wave the flag all they want. People

talk about the necessity of exercising all of our patriotic duties. We've got plenty of them. We vote. We serve on juries and participate in our justice system. We follow laws. We pay our taxes. In different ways, we support our troops. There's many ways to be a proud American. But shopping? Since when do people bleed red, white, and blue for that?

There's no doubt about it, our economy is a mess right now. It might not be "official" yet, but there's no doubt that the United States is in a recession. Recessions mean that as a whole, the American people don't buy as much.

Don't feel guilty about that. It's not the American public's fault. A key piece of wisdom for this holiday season would be to remember the recession, but do not feel as though you personally have to fix it. Retailers are offering huge discounts, bargains and cut interest rates. If you were going to buy a particular item, that is their way of keeping you interested in buying that item. That's beneficial, both for the interested consumer and for the business that was worried about attracting the sales.

If you weren't going to buy that item, however, then don't. Do not overextend yourself this holiday season by single-handedly trying to compensate for the lost sales of a nation. Your country needs you, but there are plenty of ways you can help. Putting all of your extra money into, say, Sam Walton's pockets because you think it's your civic duty is just foolish.

We've been told again and again since Sept. 11 that hysteria is our enemy. Hysteria will not solve our problems. Hysteria is not the answer. Quite practically, it doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure that one out. Hysteria isn't the answer to anything for a simple reason: a hysterical response to anything is bad. Therefore, hoarding money like a squirrel as a reaction to everything that has changed isn't helping anyone. It's that paranoid, we're-all-headed-for-doom response that our government is doing its best to guard against.

There are a lot of brilliant people in marketing, developing all sorts of schemes to get us out of our homes and buying this holiday season. If the gimmicks they've developed suit you, go for them. If they don't, leave it alone. You owe our economy nothing more than the money you are comfortable spending. Patriotism has its limits, and it shouldn't be exploited for greed's sake by corporate America. Buy what your checkbook allows you to this year. We'll all have a happier holiday if we're not struggling to make ends meet.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

...put on your magic hats!

Brad Dell

It really doesn't matter what I say. Most of you have probably already seen it ... and the rest of you probably know when you're going to see it. And you know what--you all sh ld.

I am of course, referring to *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, the biggest movie of the new millennium, which burst out of the box office at a magical, record-breaking pace.

For those who may have been living under a rock in the middle of some Antarctic peninsula, I offer a brief (very brief) synopsis of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Eleven-year-old Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) is rescued from the horrible neglect of his decrepit aunt and uncle in order to fulfill a fantastically magical destiny, beginning with an education at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. There are the basics. If you need more of a plot outline, just listen. I'm sure you'll hear someone on your hall or in your 9:20 talking about it.

The film's director, Chris Columbus, was faced with one of the most difficult challenges ever faced by a film director - to create a film based on arguably the most popular book series in the history of pop culture. But I believe Mr. Columbus succeeded admirably ... but certainly not on his own. A solid cast and very tight script made Columbus' job that much easier.

Screenwriter Steven Kloves has written one of the truest book-to-screen adaptations that I have ever seen. (His script, *Wonder Boys*, is one of my favorite movies of all time.) Yes, the film has one or two fewer details than the book, but such sacrifices must be made in order to keep the film from becoming the length of a Bible. (As it is, the film ran 2 1/2 hours.) Kloves accurately translated the book's central plotline and maintained much of the dialogue.

Radcliffe as Harry is at the helm of a magnificent cast. He is adorable, charming and completely believable. (It doesn't hurt that he looks strikingly like the Harry on the cover of the books.) He melts into the role within moments of the film's beginning, and personifies the most well-known character in modern literature. Rupert Grint and Emma Watson II flank Radcliffe as Harry's best friends at Hogwarts, Ron Weasely and Hermione Granger respectively. Watson is satisfactory as the brainiac, know-it-all, brown-noser. But Grint plays Ron to the max. This camera-friendly red-head steals the scene with every other line, bringing a great deal of audience appeal to a potentially clichéd and traditional hero's sidekick.

Though the kids are the foundation of this film, the adult actors provide the particularly magical flavor that boils and steams and explodes in Rowling's original texts. Robbie Coltrane is hugely (literally) dominant as the dim-witted but completely loveable Hogwarts gamekeeper, Hagrid. Alan Rickman as Professor Snape is slitheringly sinister. Maggie Smith as Professor McGonagall has a voice that can all at once cut glass and make babies coo. And Richard Harris as the ancient, wise and powerful Professor Albus Dumbledore provides the subtle but poignant guidance of a master much like some Obie Wan guy of another film series saga.

These fascinating character creations teased me all the way to the end, making me yearn for more, more, more. I'm excited that the adult actors have signed on to do all seven films. Kenneth Branagh, well-known Shakespeare film adaptor, will join the cast for number two as the flamboyant buffoon, Gilderoy Lockhart. The kids are signed only as far as number two. (For the sake of the saga, I hope the producers find a way to keep the kids for all seven. It will be insanely challenging for the audience to accept a new Harry or Ron after Radcliffe and Grint have cast such mesmerizing spells.)

Columbus adds his own touches of magic with the some truly scintillating scenes. The famed Quiddich match rivaled the "pod race" scene of *Episode I (Star Wars)* in its sweeping technological superiority. And the larger-than-life wizard chess sent chills to the spine as much as any Speilbergian "Jurassic creation."

So, alright, the big question ... is the film as good as the book? Of course not. It would be impossible for any film to meet the expectations of the spectacular world that J.K. Rowlings has conjured in our minds. The feat is even more fantastical because this magical world is unique for every person who reads the book; this film is only one interpretation. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* is bound to be disappointing to everyone in some way. I am a movie fan who loves exciting plot twists, and I must say that it was anti-climactic to know exactly what came next. But those are the downfalls of adapting such a fabulous book to the screen.

For these petty grievances, the film does not receive my highest marks ... only three and a half golden snitches.

But trust me ... go see the film. Go read the book. Don't miss this millennium-marking event!

Tyler Domske

Alright, first off, I promise not to give EVERY movie I see an "A." I can't help it if both the movies that we have seen up to this point in my run as *Holcad* movie reviewer have been fantastic. So stick with me, I'm not the pushover I'm coming off as. That said, *Harry Potter* was one of the best films I've seen in a good while.

Maintaining my staunchly unblemished record of a die hard *Star Wars* fan, I would even venture to say that it is everything that *The Phantom Menace* wasn't. Both of them are extremely similar films with an extremely similar objective--each are science fiction/fantasy films that try to appeal to children and adults, both follow the story of a young boy who is predestined to be something great, both have pre-established fan bases that have unrealistic expectations of what the movie should be, and both are certified box office smashes a year before they are even released.

There are other parallels too, such as the pod race and the Quiddich match, and the presence of dark, hooded, evil villains. The difference is that *Harry Potter* succeeds everywhere that *The Phantom Menace* didn't (though, in all fairness *The Phantom Menace* was still a good flick). The largest weakness in *The Phantom Menace* is that the whole movie rests largely on the shoulders of one boy, Jake Lloyd, who played young Anakin, and quite frankly, Lloyd is the worst actor this side of Macaulay Culkin. *Harry Potter* has the same set up, with the bulk of the movie largely riding on the shoulders of the young boy who plays Harry, newcomer Daniel Radcliffe. The main difference is that Radcliffe is outstanding, as are his sidekicks Emma Watson (as Hermione) and Rupert Grint (as Ron). Grint has so many classic stock facial expressions that director Chris Columbus (who did *Home Alone* and many others) couldn't keep the camera off him. This kid is given more mugs than Mr. Roeper on an old "Three's Company" rerun.

Harry Potter is everything it should be: fun, exciting, smart and full of adventure. The script is wonderfully close to the original book (though there are still some wee differences that might annoy the more snobbish book fans) and there are some great turns by some of the established actors in the film, like John Hurt as a creepy wand salesman, Robbie Coltrane as Hagrid, and Alan Rickman as Professor Snape.

When it all comes down to it, the only complaint I have is that I have to wait another year for number two to come out. (As it stands right now, they plan on making all of the eventual seven books into movies, making one a year so that the children stay the right ages for the parts).

With all of the cast returning for the second installment due out next Christmas, it promises to be a great one. I can't wait. Of course, in the mean time, I could always read the books ...

Worth? This one is not just worth full price, it's worth seeing multiple times at full price.

Grade: A

Carnegie Museum of Art exhibit

By Beth Staley
A&E EDITOR

Thanksgiving is over, but most Americans agree that the act of giving thanks never ends. If you are eager to continue giving thanks for the opportunities in our country, consider taking a field trip to the Carnegie Museum of Art. The gallery features 193 photographs representing a body of work that W. Eugene Smith, one of the greatest American photographers of the 21st century, believed to be his finest.

In 1955, Smith visited Pittsburgh on a routine freelance assignment to take 100 photographs of the city for a book called *Pittsburgh: The Story of an American City*, edited by Stefan Lorant. Smith proceeded to take 17,000 photographs, some of which he delivered to Lorant. Nonetheless, he continued taking pictures of Pittsburgh in order to compile a photo essay up to his high standard of taste and perfection.

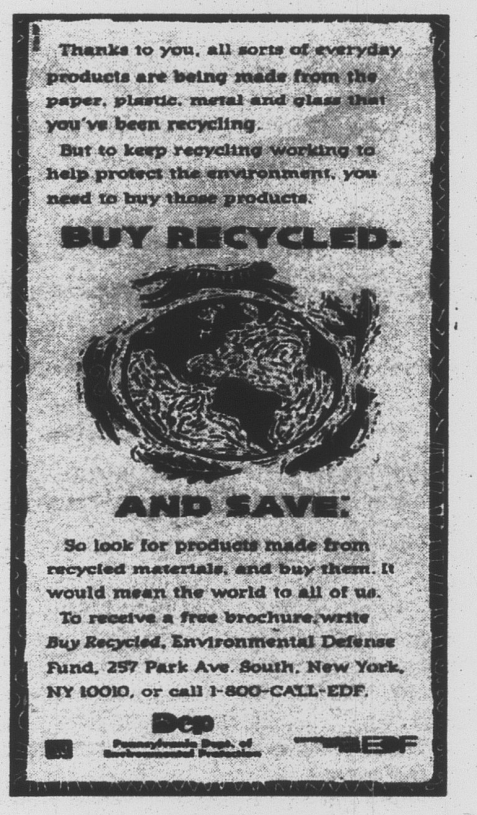
The exhibition on display is appropriately titled "Dream Street." It shows not only Smith's dream of conveying contemporary American life in an interpretive, artistic statement, but also the dreams of local Pittsburgh citizens in the 1950s, a time when the city was among the nation's most important industrial and commercial centers.

Smith finished over 1,200 prints documenting the neighborhoods, landscape, culture, industry, and political life of Pittsburgh in the 1950s. These prints come from the Carnegie Museum of Art and the W. Eugene Smith Archive at the Center for Creative Photography, The University of Arizona, Tuscan. "Dream Street" is an important exhibition because it merges these two collections into an amazing display.

The photographs on display are arranged into 10 thematic groups, based mainly on Smith's organization of his own lay-outs for the Pittsburgh images. The layouts include: "Many Together," "Vistas," "Cultural Still Lifes," "Children," "Tree and Structure," "In Public Domain," "Labor and Industry," "Night," "Ballads of the Alone" and "Signposts." Many of the photographs in these groups, such as "Smokey City" and "Dance of the Flaming Coke" are praised as some of the greatest images of the 20th century.

Eugene Smith gained popularity for his successful career as a photojournalist for *Life* magazine. The opportunity to see his work on display is an event that people should take advantage of. Residents of Pittsburgh or Southwestern Pennsylvania will especially appreciate the depth, beauty and complexity Smith has captured in the "Dream Street" exhibition.

Visit the "Dream Street" exhibition on display at Carnegie Museum at 4400 ForbesAvenue in Pittsburgh. For more information, call 412-622-3131, or go to the Carnegie Museum website: www.cmoa.org. There is an extensive schedule of events that coincide with and celebrate "Dream Street" well into January.



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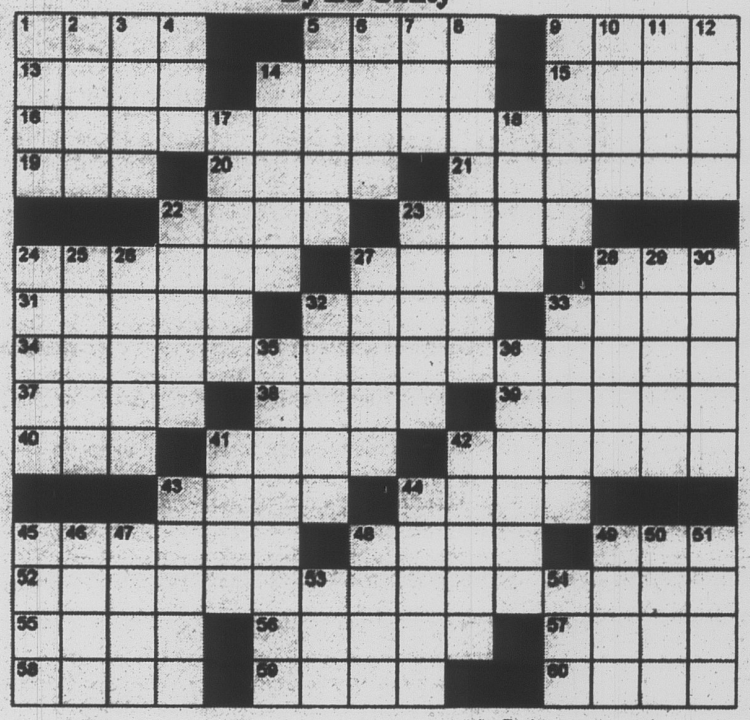
By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

On Thanksgiving Day all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment - halftime.

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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Your spirit of independence and adventure is strong during the week, and you may likely seek answers and opportunities far from home. Steer clear of troublemakers.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)
Your mate or business partner will be very helpful in matters relating to financial dealings. Don't be too sure of what seems like a safe bet, avoid taking any foolish risks.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)
An agreement with a companion can unleash a new potential for mutual expression, whether in a creative vein, personal alliance or moneymaking scheme. You have the tendency to take much for granted and magnify situations which are not all that they seem; be careful.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)
Stick to routine matters and get as much accomplished as possible with minimal fuss. People both at home and at work will appreciate your diligence and efficiency. Draw on your intelligence and use your charm to get to the heart of things.

LEO: (July 24-Aug. 23)
Your creative juices are flowing in all directions, and positively affecting everything you do. Your heightened creativity and inventiveness will add another dimension to your work.

VIRGO: (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Be extra cautious in communications with a loved one. Avoid arguing and using a take charge attitude, for this is definitely a joint venture. There may be a problem at work with a new co-worker, so rise above resentments and reach for a new status through hard work.

LIBRA: (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
This week is no time to let your emotions rule your mind, try hard to follow your intuitions. Between ups and downs in home life, romance, creative pursuits and finances, you will feel like you are on a seesaw gone wild.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Your intuition is in high gear now, so it pays to listen to your inner voice regarding a financial deal. In other matters, particularly your home life, it will probably be necessary to compromise.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Forge ahead and climb up that career ladder, you have more support from superiors than you realize. Diverse trends favor your money activities, but don't be tempted to throw away advantages you've gained to obtain instant profits.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Try to complete unfinished odds and ends at work by midweek, when personal interests will take over. Your financial picture is becoming rather rosy.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
This week could be rather hectic, and you have the tendency to overdo it, so at least try to pace yourself. Try not to overspend, because coming up short will be tougher to work your way out of.

PISCES: (Feb. 20-March 20)
Business activities may be a bit disappointing; perhaps your expectations are exceeding possibilities. If you are getting the feeling that someone is undermining you on the job, you could be right.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your social agenda will be quite lively for the next several months. You will have your fair share of popularity with the opposite sex, and there is great potential for a new romance. Regarding money matters, try to consolidate any future gains into one solid investment.

FEATURE

We are the People in your Neighborhood

This week featuring Jacque Duncan and Allison McCormick

Full Name: Jacque Sue Duncan

Year at WC: 5th (Jacque is a former student)

Major/Department: Residence Director

1.What is your favorite word(s)? "What the nuts?"

2. What is your favorite book? The Harry Potter series

3. What is your favorite song or album? "Walkin' On Sunshine" by K.C. and the Sunshine Band

4. Do you have a pet? At home, a dog named Coco. She is mostly beagle.

5. If you could be one inanimate object what would you be and why? I would maybe be a cloud because they are up in the sky and seem to have emotions … changing from dark and gloomy, to happy. It would be fun.

6. What is your biggest fear? Having a gazillion bugs crawling all over me like in "Fear Factor." I couldn't take it.

7. What was your best Halloween costume? In first grade, I was a mermaid because of the move *Splash*. I had to hop around because my feet were tied together.

8. What is your most valued possession? Monetary wise – my engagement ring. It has a lot of emotional value too.

9. If you could be any character from any movie, who would you be and why? I think I'd be Peter Pan, 'cause I could fly and go wherever I wanted.

10. Did you go shopping on Black Friday? How was it if you did? (After asking what Black Friday was…) My mom and I went shopping, but it wasn't "major" shopping.

Full Name: Allison Margaret McCormick

Year at WC: senior

Major/Department: Business with a concentration in human resources

1.What is your favorite word(s)? sweet

2. What is your favorite book? J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*

3. What is your favorite song or album? Janis Joplin's "Me and My Bobby McGhee"

4. Do you have a pet? I have a dog and a cat. Bear is the dog and Brady is the cat, but we didn't name him.

5. If you could be one inanimate object what would you be and why? I would be a motorcycle so my engine can rev all day long.

6. What is your biggest fear? Drowning, 'cause that's the worst way you can die … ever.

7. What was your best Halloween costume? When I was four, I was a strawberry. My sister was grapes, my brother was a banana and my other brother was a peach. We were one big fruit basket. We won a prize too.

8. What is your most valued possession? My goose-lined vest because when I wear it, I think it describes my personality.

9. If you could be any character from any movie, who would you be and why? I would be Meryl Streep's character in *The River Wild* because she can beat up the bad guys.

10. Did you go shopping on Black Friday? How was it if you did? No, I stayed as far away as I could.

Standardized tests are a necessary evil

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

It seems that for every new step taken in the lives of students, a standardized test is inevitable. For those of you who live in Pennsylvania, how many CAT tests did you take over the years? I think I took at least five.

In high school, we were also forced to take a test to determine what our academic strong points were and what future career would correspond to those strong points. They told me I should be a farmer. The funny thing was, the majority of the people I knew in high school were also destined to be farmers, according to this particular standardized test. Although this may have been a good thing for the milk industry, I was almost sure I did not want to be a farmer, and my classmates felt the same way.

Then there were the SATs. I took them three times. I prepared for the first time – eight hours of rest, a hardy breakfast, etc. My results definitely did not reflect such preparation. For the second time around (the day after my junior prom), I woke up 10 minutes before I was supposed to take the test, had gotten about three hours of sleep and hadn't eaten anything since the night before.

Oddly, I did about 50 points better that time. I was not excited about my results, especially considering how well many of my friends did, but the admissions people at another college I applied to told me they accepted me based on my SAT scores. Needless to say, that surprised me a bit.

In spite of my indecisions about graduate school (do I go, or don't I go … I change my mind on a daily basis), I scheduled to take my Graduate Record Examination.

And so, last Saturday, I went to Edgewood to take a test I knew very little about. I did study a bit, but apparently, it was not enough. I won't lie and tell you it was easy, because it was probably the most difficult test I have ever taken, and it wasn't cheap either.

The GREs test a student's verbal, quantitative and analytical abilities. I did quite well on the verbal and average on the analytical, but the quantitative portion was like Greek to me. I still don't know why they have to confuse everyone and mix numbers and letters. I distinctly remember being so angry with some of the questions that I would refuse to try to figure them out. The look on my face must have been interesting.

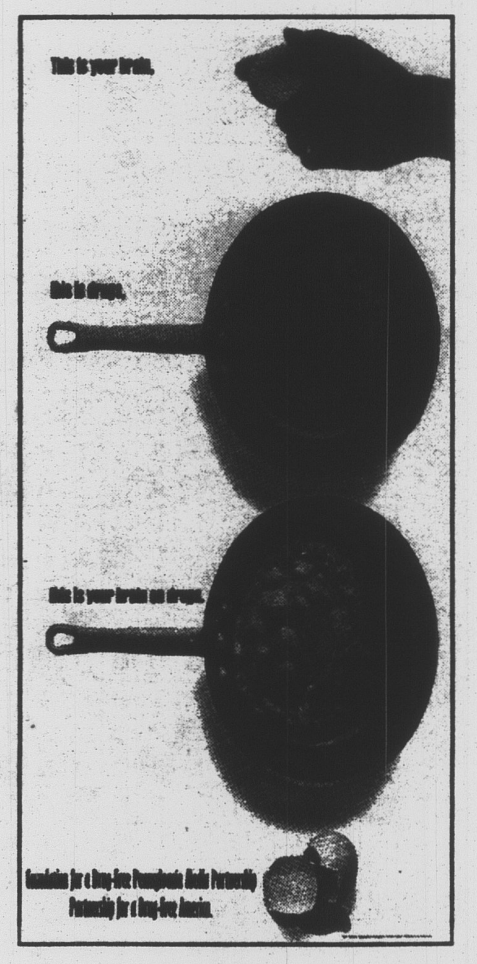
You can also take a separate test, in conjunction with the GREs, that tests your writing abilities. I was all about this test, knowing that I could probably get through that one mor easily. But alas, they charged an extra $50 to take it. I opted not to.

So now they tell me that if I want to get my master's in English, I am probably going to have to take another test – the dreaded subject test. I know these are even more difficult.

Although I am not completely satisfied with my scores on the GREs, I am also not upset. The book I used to prepare for the GREs, The Princeton Review's How To Crack the GRE's, was helpful with this. The book kept reiterating that standardized tests don't measure how intelligent someone is, rather, they measure how well someone takes standardized tests. Unfortunately, they are typically required and are a necessary evil in the lives of most students.

I really don't see the use in taking so many tests that don't necessarily evaluate one's intelligence. I really don't think that is possible – everyone is good at different things.

So don't fret if your scores on standardized tests are not that great. It doesn't mean you are stupid, it just means you don't take tests well.



Gotcha! Airport security detains 'suspicious' student

By Dave Field
STAFF WRITER

"Flight 1127 with service to San Francisco is now boarding rows 10 and higher." After a glance at my ticket (12F), I thought, "finally." I'd already spent one hour in line to check in my bags and two hours in line to get through security. I was ready to board the plane and, after visually interrogating my fellow passengers (remembering Sept. 11), relax, sit down and sleep.

As I made my way to the line, I turned to my travel companion and exclaimed how relieved I was to get through the immense security procedures. Not even a second later, I was approached by an older man wearing an Air Force Veteran hat, carrying a security wand. He was accompanied by a quiet woman who oversaw his work.

"Excuse me, Sir," he said. "You have been selected at random for security purposes. Please step over there behind the desk and place your backpack on the desk and arms out." It was then that I realized he was wearing rubber gloves, as if I were harboring lethal materials in my backpack.

I couldn't help myself, "Rubber gloves huh? I would wear those too if I had to go through marketing and Spanish books." He responded well to my comment and urged me to stay in school as long as I could.

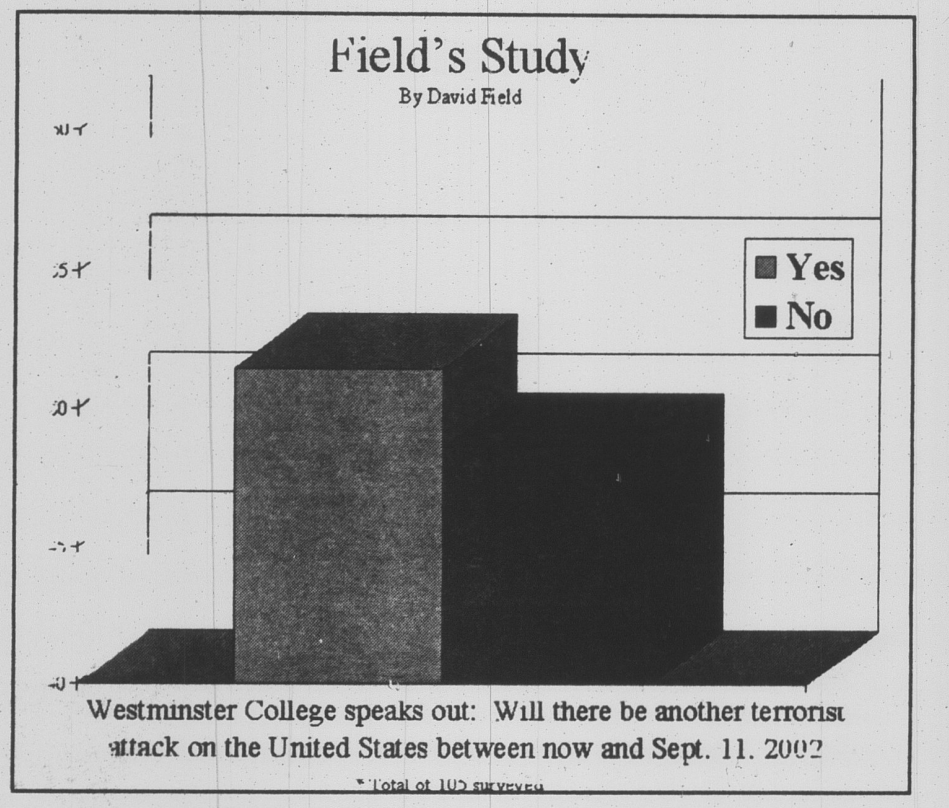
I then looked at the line and noticed I was the only one being interrogated. Not only that, but everyone was looking at me as if I had some sort of fungus. I thought there were far more suspicious-looking people in that line. After all, I was just a college student trying to get home to Mom and Dad for the holidays. I finally decided it was time to ask questions.

I asked the woman who she was as well as the reasoning behind this procedure. Why did they pick me? She replied, "I am the head of the security here at this airport." At this point I was thinking that they had been watching me on camera. I couldn't understand. I had already shown my ID three times to different security personnel. She went on to say, "You fit the profile!"

Profile? What? Since when do I, a silly kid from California, fit the profile of a terrorist? I always knew that I could be scary-looking, but not that scary.

I was finally permitted to board my plane, of course the last one on. I was humiliated as I tried not to make eye contact with the people in their seats.

Now you may think that I am against the new security measures, when in actuality I am for them. My sister is a flight attendant for American Airlines and I am for anything that will help "guarantee" her safety, but the procedure caught me off guard, and made me feel like a criminal.



Westminster College speaks out: Will there be another terrorist attack on the United States between now and Sept. 11, 2002

*Total of 105 surveyed

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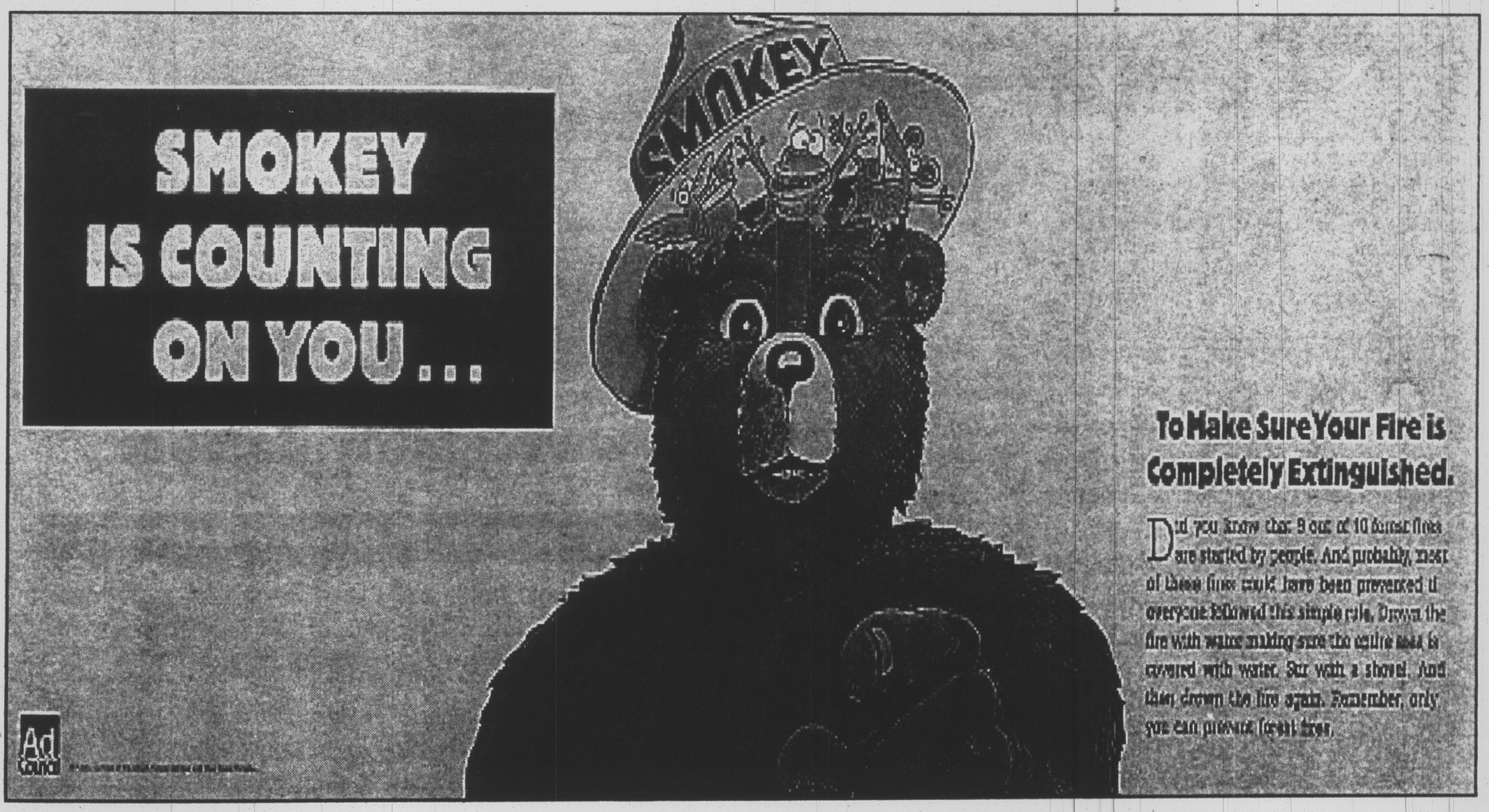

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A STUDENT RECITAL is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1, at 12:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. Allyson Parks will play the horn, and Dan DiDesiderio will play the tuba. The concert is free and open to the public, and a reception follows the performance.

A STUDENT RECITAL is scheduled Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. in Wallace Memorial Chapel. Jessica R. Beblo and David J. Zaccari will perform percussion music. The concert is free and open to the public, and is followed by a reception in the Tower Room of Old Main.

THE WESTMINSTER COLLEGE PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE will perform Monday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Wallace Memorial Chapel. The event is free and open to the public.

THE GIVING TREE is now set up in Galbreath Lobby. The Chapel Staff Service Team has teamed up with the City Rescue Mission and the Lawrence County Children and Youth Services to benefit families and children in Lawrence County. This year there are 24 names on the tree and dozens of gifts to purchase. The directions for purchasing and returning gifts are posted beside the tree. Every gift purchased brightens someone's Christmas, and no gift on the tree is insignificant. Questions concerning this project should be directed to the Chapel Office at (724) 946-7117.

THE WESTINSTER COLLEGE SOFTBALL TEAM is holding its third Annual Chinese Auction. The drawing is scheduled Dec. 10 during half-time of the men's basketball game against Medaille College. Tickets are one for $1; three for $2; 10 for $5; and 25 for $10. Any number of tickets can be put on one package, or any number of packages until all are used. You need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased from any softball player, or contact Jan Reddinger at (724) 946-7319 or e-mail reddinjm@westminster.edu.

COLLEGE BOWL deadline for signing up a team is Friday, Nov. 30. Applications are available from your RA or contact younja@westminster.edu. The College bowl is scheduled for Dec. 8 in the Down Under. Prizes will be awarded for the first through fourth place teams, and an all-star team will be chosen to go to the regional tournament in Pittsburgh Feb. 17.

THE 11TH ANNUAL ECC LITERARY COMPETITION entries must be postmarked by Feb. 15. Prizes will be awarded in poetry and short fiction. Winners will receive a monetary prize, and will be submitted for possible publication in the literary journal published by the Ohio Valley Literary Group and Marietta College. Winning entries will also be published in the 2002 ECC Literary Anthology. For information on how to enter, contact the Westminster College English Department or call the ECC office at (330) 569-5953 or e-mail ecc@hiram.edu.

CHURCH INTERNSHIPS are available for both spring and summer semesters, and some even provide stipends. Contact Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338. Waugaman suggests students re-apply, even if you have already done so earlier this semester.

THE PITTSBURGH PENGUINS organization is looking for a public relations or English major to intern from Jan. to May. Contact Janet Waugaman at the Career Center or EXT. 6338.

JACKSON HEWITT TAX SERVICE in Hermitage is looking for interns to serve as tax technicians, marketing assistants and processors from Jan. through April. For more information, contact Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338 or Diane Wagner, General Manager, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, at (724) 346-4116.

NEMACOLIN WOODLANDS RESORT & SPA in Farmington, has a paid marketing internship available for January. Experience with Microsoft WordPerfect, Excel and Lotus is required. For more information, contact Charity Patterson, Nemacolin Woodlands Resort & Spa, 100 LaFayette Dr., Farmington, PA 15437 or visit the website www.nemacolin.com.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS in Pittsburgh is looking for a marketing and communications intern. For details, call Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338. Résumé and cover letter should be sent to Jill Berardi, American Red Cross, P.O. Box 1769, Pittsburgh, PA 15230.

THE VINDICATOR in Youngstown, Ohio has four 12-week copy editing internships available, which pay $300 per week. Interested students should send their résumé and cover letter to Jeff Schoch, The Vindicator, P.O. Box 780, Youngstown, OH 44501.

THE WASHINGTON CENTER for Internships and Academic Seminars is looking for interns willing to help with the new challenges facing our nation. For more information, contact William Burke at 1-800-486-8921 or e-mail info@twc.edu or visit the website www.twc.edu.

WALTER REED ARMY Institute of Research, Silver Spring, Md., has internships available in the Department of Blood Research for biology, molecular biology and chemistry majors in the spring and summer of 2002. For more information, call Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH School of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology has a summer research fellowship with a stipend of $3,000. Interested students should be considering a career in biomedical and pharmaceutical research and be a junior or senior in the fall of 2002. For more information, contact Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338.

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Calendar of Events

Friday 30
10:00 a.m. Swimming @ Akron Invitational (OH)
10:00 a.m. Theatre Westminster Fall Production: *Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tale* — Beeghly Theater
11:40 a.m. Chapel
7:00 p.m. "The Explorers" Planetarium Show — Hoyt Planetarium
7:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble Concert — Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Movie: *Gattaca* (Inquiry Movie) — Down Under
10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. JT's Café — Down Under

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10:00 a.m. Swimming @ Akron Invitational (OH)
11:00 a.m. Theatre Westminster: *Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tale* — Beeghly Theater
1:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Mount Aloysius (H)
1:00 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Bowler's Classic — Colonial Lanes
3:00 p.m. Senior Recital: Dan DiDesiderio and Allyson Parks — Chapel
6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Tiffin (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
7:00 p.m. "The Explorers" Planetarium Show — Hoyt Planetarium
7:30 p.m. Movie: *Stand and Deliver* (Inquiry Film) — Down Under
8:00 p.m. Theatre Westminster: *Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tale* — Beeghly Theater
10:00 p.m. Movie: *Gattaca* (Inquiry Film) — Down Under

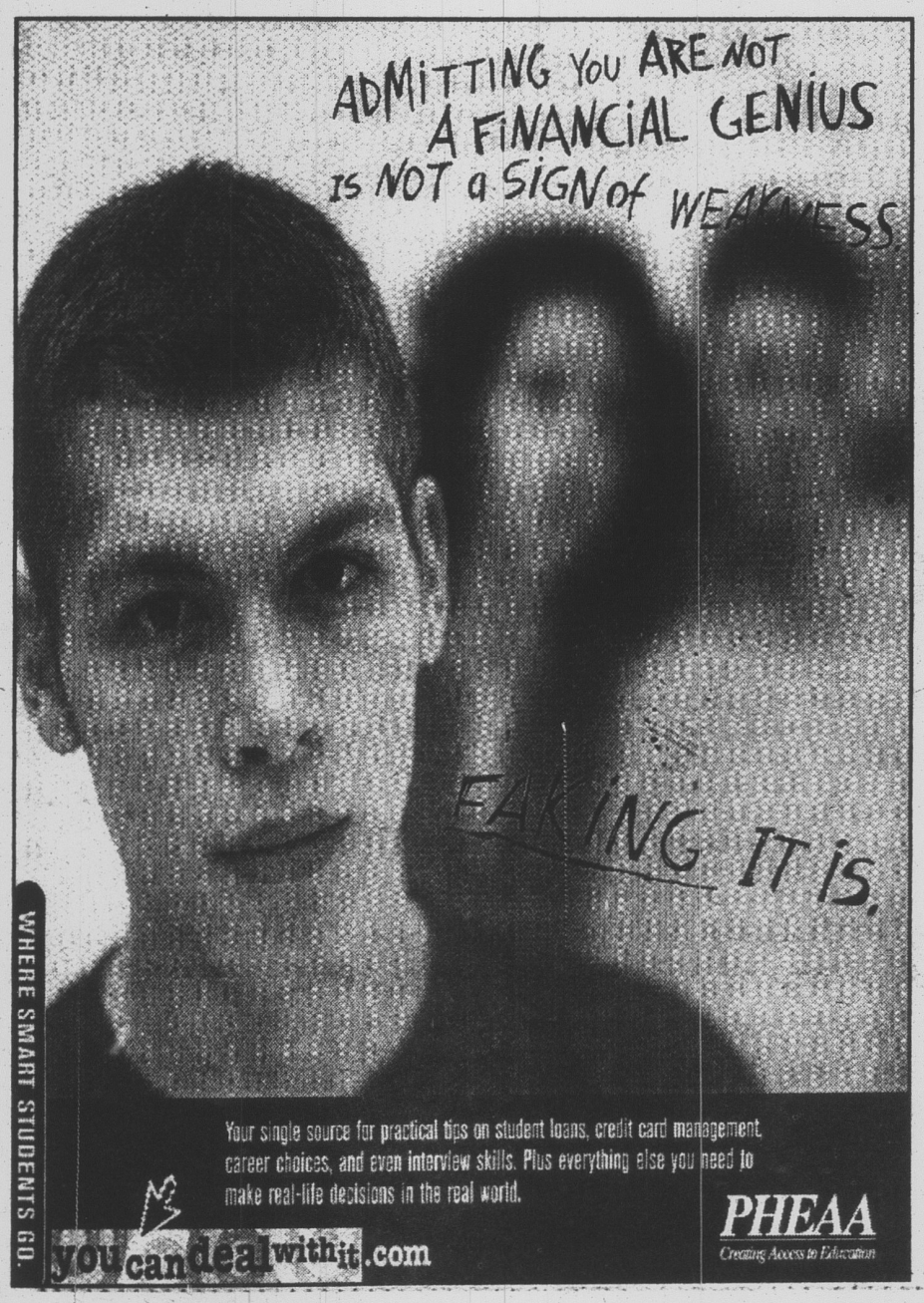
SUNDAY 2
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Jessica Beblo and D.J. Zaccari — Chapel
4:00 p.m. Swimming @ Akron Invitational (OH)
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting — House
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 152
9:00 p.m. Movie: *Tomb Raider* — Down Under

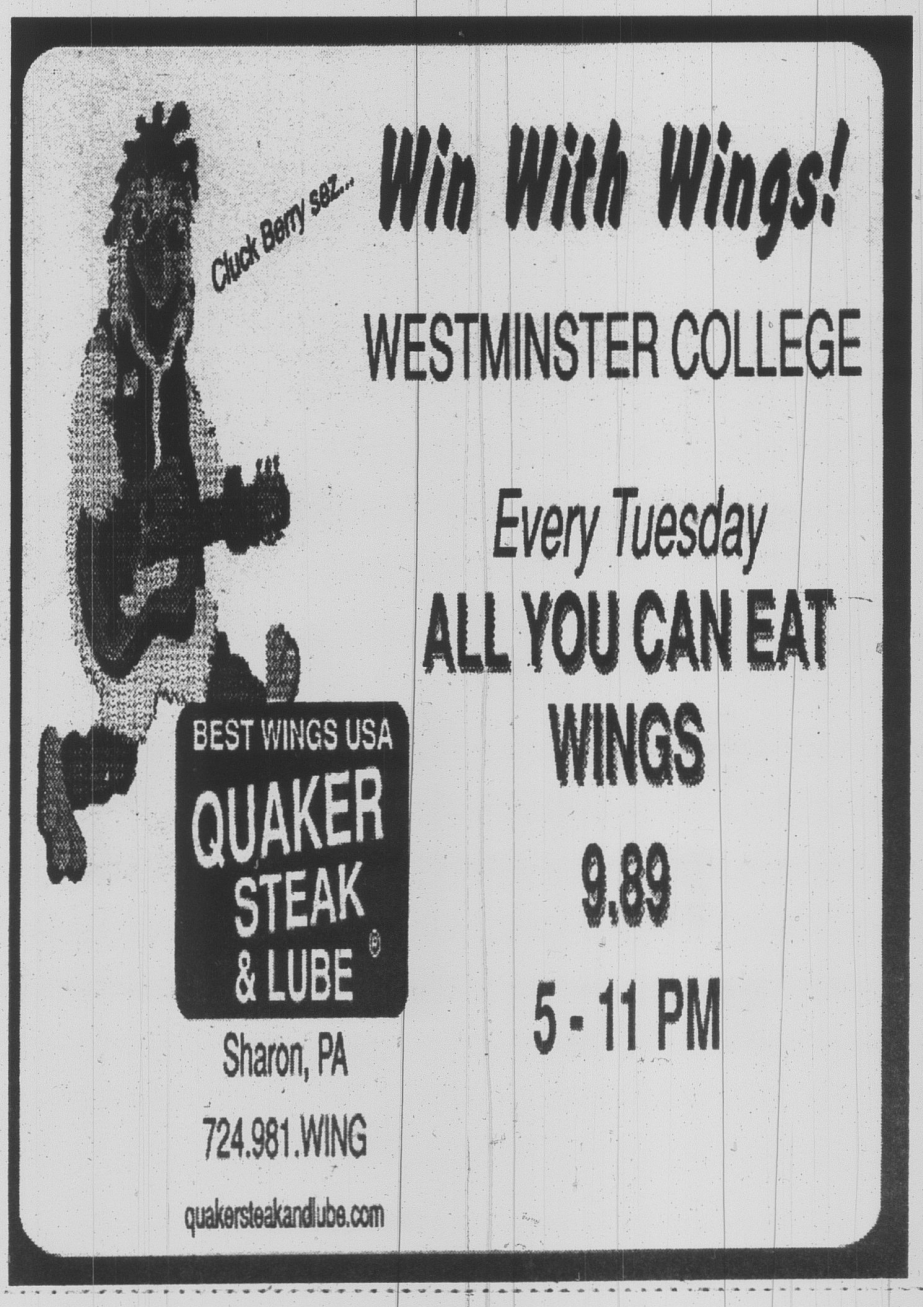
MONDAY 3
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship — Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting — Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta — Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta — PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu — PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa — PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha — Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC
7:30 p.m. Percussion Ensemble Concert — Chapel
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — Down Under

TUESDAY 4
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship — Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting — PH 112
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal — Down Under
6:30 p.m. Circle K Meeting — PH 231
7:00 p.m. Orchestra — Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Phi Mu Open House
9:00 p.m. RACT Meeting — PH 112/113
9:45 p.m. Mortar Board Meeting — PH 231

WEDNESDAY 5
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Religion Faculty, "Religious Studies at Westminster: An Interdisciplinary Discipline"
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting — Down Under
7:00 p.m. W Basketball @ Slippery Rock
7:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club
7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: Anne Bentz — Chapel
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship — Down Under

THURSDAY 6
9:30 a.m. CCO Staff Meeting — Down Under
7:00 p.m. "The Explorers" Planetarium Show — Hoyt Planetarium
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice – Chapel
8:00 p.m. Kappa Delta Open House
9:00 p.m. Star Gazing — Meet in Hoyt Science Center Lobby (weather permitting)
9:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal — Down Under





At the Down Under

Nov. 30 - Friday

7:30 p.m. - *Gattaca* (Inquiry movie)

10 p.m. - 2 a.m. - JT's Cafe

Dec. 1 - Sunday

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10 p.m. - *Gattaca* (Inquiry movie)

Dec. 2 - Sunday

9 p.m. - *Tomb Raider* (not an Inquiry movie)

As always, free popcorn, pop and cappuccino.

Upcoming Events Fall '01:

Dec. 8 - College Bowl (team registration required)

Upcoming Events Spring '02:

Jan. 21 - Kick-off for the Sesquicentennial Year

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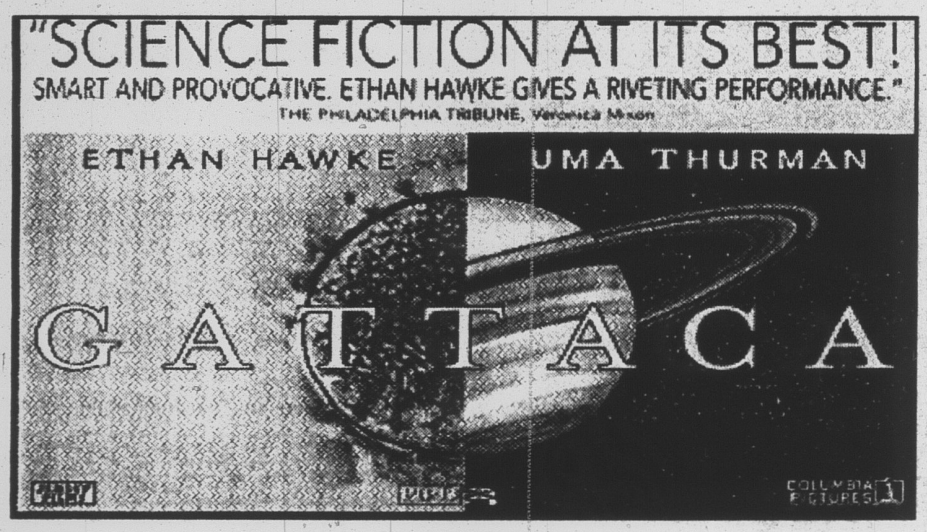

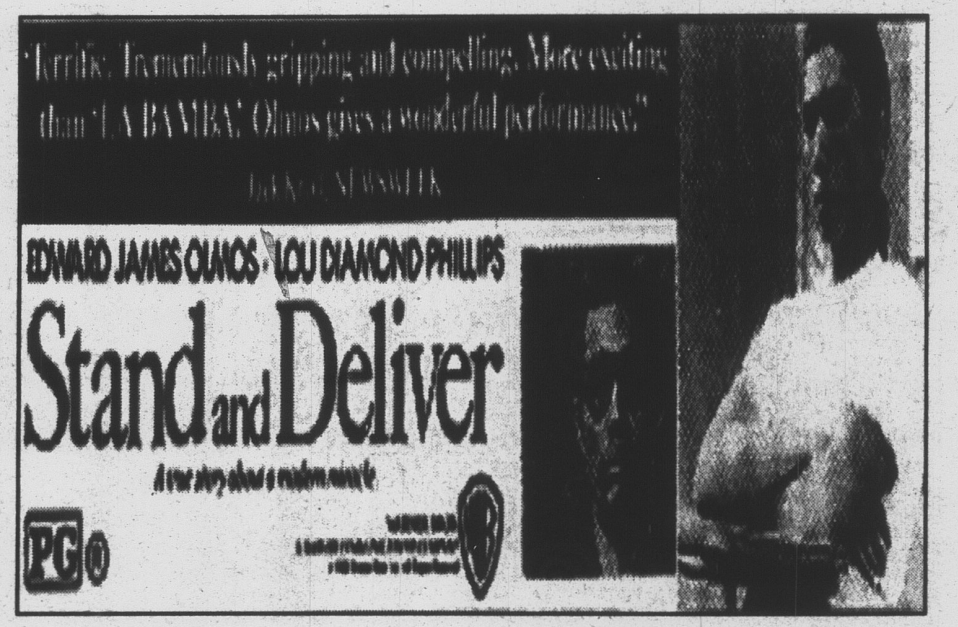

JT s Cafe

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts. You provide the chatter.

Baked goods will be available with the cappuccino. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, Nov. 30 from 10 p.m. til 2 a.m.

Friday, December 7, 2001

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Girls propositioned by "Amish" man

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

New Wilmington never seemed like an unsafe place to sophomores Sarah Bowers and Heather Jones. That was until the evening of Sunday, Nov. 25.

The two roommates decided to take a walk into town to purchase some soda around 11:20 p.m. While they were across the street from the admissions building, they saw what appeared to be an Amish man walking.

"He looked our age," Bowers said. The man said to the two girls, "hi ladies." Then he proceeded to ask them a very inappropriate question. "Do you like sex?" he asked. "He wasn't even nervous about it, he had a kind of psycho voice," Bowers said.

Bowers and Jones ignored him and continued to walk toward the Golden Dawn. Though the girls were frightened, they thought it was just an Amish teenager goofing off. Then he began to follow them back onto campus.

He emerged near TCF and began walking toward Browne, where Bowers and Jones live. "There were some girls outside of Browne and they told us to call security," Bowers said.

"When we called them (security) they said, 'ok- we're on it,'" Jones said. It actually took three calls from three different people before the girls saw any sign of security. "I think they thought we were joking so we called the New Wilmington police too," Bowers said. They saw the police drive by behind Galbreath and security did drive by Browne, but didn't stop to talk to the girls.

The man kept walking back behind Ferguson and then emerging again to walk toward Browne. "We wouldn't see him for like 20 minutes and then he would pop out from behind Ferg," Jones said.

"It was like one of those movies where you're running and he's walking but he was still really close," Bowers said.

The man was dressed in all black with black shiny shoes. He had brown curly hair, looked to be in his early 20s and had an "Amish-type" hat on. "It just looked like a normal Amish hat," Bowers said. There were no buggies around and no other people the girls could see. "We didn't know if he was Amish or not, he just looked like he was," Jones said.

When asked if they thought he would come back, the girls were unsure. "I don't know, it's hard to say—who knows if he'll skip a week and come back," Bowers said. "We're just afraid he will try and do it to other girls," Bowers said.

Time restrictions set on mp3 file use

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

From Friday, Nov. 16 to Monday, Nov. 26, the college's information/technology (IT) department blocked the use of the Internet for downloading and uploading mp3 files. The ban went into place when the department received information that certain students were breaking copyright laws by allowing the illegal transfer of the files from the college's site to sites outside of campus.

Until that time, the network allowed for relatively easy mp3 downloading between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when 3.5 MB were available for use. Only 1000 KB were available during the remaining hours, which were used primarily for academic research by students and faulty.

The decision to change the policy on mp3s was made when a representative from the col-

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Giving Tree to benefit needy

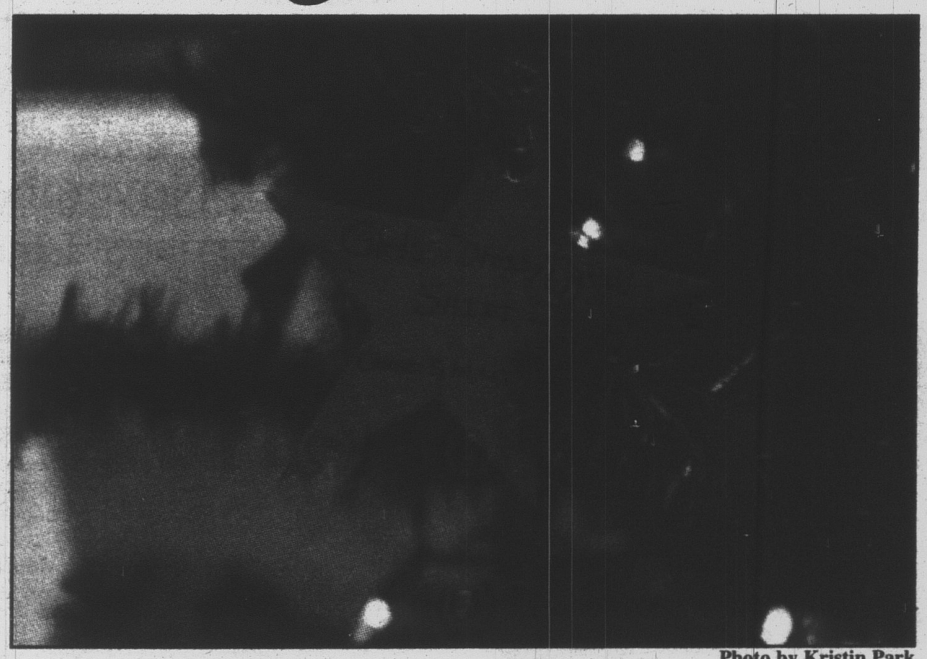

Photo by Kristin Park

The Giving Tree offers students the chance to help the needy.

By Brittany Jardine
STAFF WRITER

Each year, The Giving Tree encourages students and faculty to purchase gifts for the needy.

The Giving Tree first came to campus more than 15 years ago, and is overseen by the Chapel Service Team. The program partners the college with the New Castle City Mission and the Lawrence County Children and Youth Services.

The tree is located in Galbreath lobby. Each ornament on the tree contains the name of a gift item. Ornaments with only the gift item listed on it go to the New Castle City Mission. Ornaments with a personalized name are taken to Lawrence County Children and Youth Services.

Students can pick one or more ornaments off the tree and purchase the gifts. The gifts going to Lawrence County Children and Youth Services require wrapping, but the gifts going to the New Castle City Mission do not.

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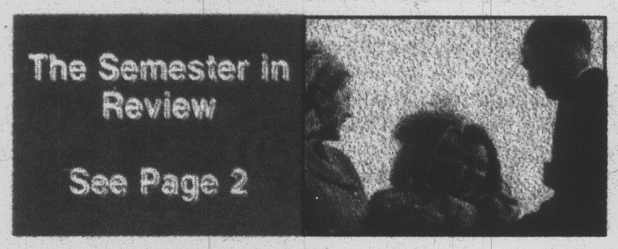

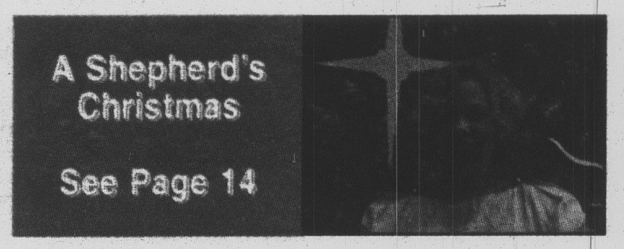

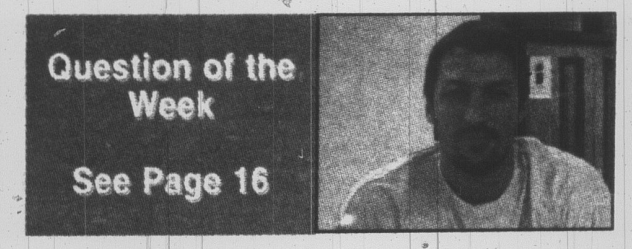

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Saturday: Rain/Snow high 47° low 30°

Sunday: Rain/Snow high 45° low 34°

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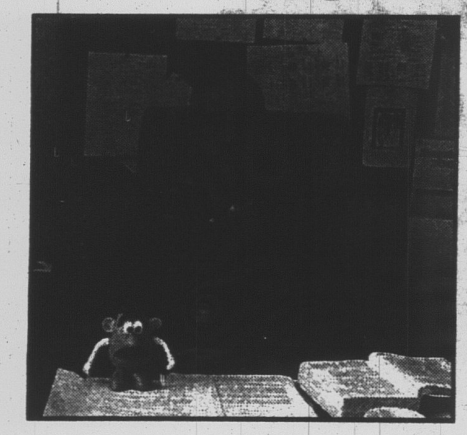


Campus Welcomes New Chaplain

The Rev. Steve Allen moved here from Georgia in August to be our new college chaplain.

Allen plans to strengthen what has worked in the past and to tweak things that have not been as successful. "The new ideas will come from observing and from listening to what's happening on campus," Allen said.

September 14, 2001

Campus responds to Sept. 11 attacks

When the planes crashed into the towers of the World Trade Center and the pentagon, students were in shock, but quickly moved to action.

Two prayer services were held on Sept. 11. Students flocked to donate blood at sites set up by the American Red Cross and some waited up to five hours to help in the only way they could.

Various campus organizations set up funds to collect money for the victims of Sept. 11.

September 21, 2001

Alumnus was spared by luck in WTC attack

Graig O'Shane, a native of New Wilmington and graduate of Kennedy Catholic High School and Westminster College, lives in Manhattan. Until Sept. 11, the 23-year-old worked on the 104th floor of the World Trade Center South Tower for an investment banking group.

O'Shane told his mother that he and a friend who was staying at his apartment — Brian Hart of Mercer, a fellow Kennedy graduate — were putting out the garbage Tuesday morning, and that caused him to be about five minutes late getting to work.

O'Shane told family members that he was about 40 yards from the WTC when he heard the first plane, looked up, and saw it crash into the building. The explosion, he told his mother, made the ground shake.

Like everyone else in the vicinity, he turned and ran.

September 28, 2001

Allies sponsors Jeans Day

Allies hosted its third annual Jeans Day on Thursday, Oct. 4.

Members of Allies asked students and faculty to wear jeans to support non-discrimination on this day. For those unable to dress down because of professional concerns, Allies members distributed jean ribbons to department secretaries.

Co-advisor of Allies, Betsy Ford, has been involved with the organization for three years. "I think that a lot of the campus community interprets it incorrectly. Many of the students think wearing jeans stamps them as gay," Ford said. "It doesn't mean I'm gay … It means I don't care if you are."

October 12, 2001

Vandals steal parking signs

Four campus signs are reported missing. Two of the signs still missing were from the admissions building and one was from Old 77.

There is no information about who may have taken them. The three sign posts from Old 77 and the one from admissions have been recovered.

Two posts were returned from Russell and another from a fraternity house. A fourth post was also recovered but campus officials are unsure of where it was originally placed.

The signs, all custom-made, cost about $150 each.

October 19, 2001

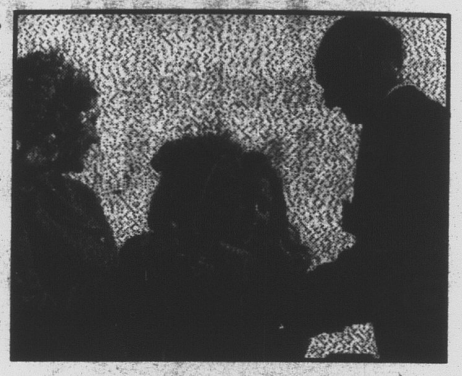
Homecoming Unites Campus

The weekend began with a variety of events on Friday afternoon, including a hospitality reception, campus tour and dinner. Football was also in the air Friday, as the college's women took to the gridiron for the SGA powder puff game.

Saturday morning brought more festivities, starting with Breakfast with Books at McGill Library. The breakfast was followed by the traditional attraction of the weekend, the parade.

The Homecoming game provided as much excitement as the rest of the weekend. The football team improved to 2-4 as the Titans posted a 15-10 win over PAC rival Thiel College (1-5).

Finally, the Homecoming weekend was completed with the coronation of a new king and queen. This year, Jerilyn Matejka of Zeta Tau Alpha took the throne and a dozen roses as homecoming queen 2001. Jared Gashel of Sigma Phi Epsilon was king.



October 26, 2001

Fall Retreat promotes faith

Fall Retreat, co-sponsored by Titan Traverse and chapel staff, took place Oct. 19-21.

This theme of this year's retreat was, "the link." The focus was on making links between the experience over the weekend, school, people in the group and challenges.

"We want to give people a chance to get away from Westminster for a while to clear their head and focus on what's important in life," said Keturah Laney, chaplain's assistant.

The group was broken up into four smaller groups of eight to 10 people. Each group focused on caving, rock climbing or rappelling. An adult and student leader facilitated each activity.

November 2, 2001

No budget cuts planned yet this year

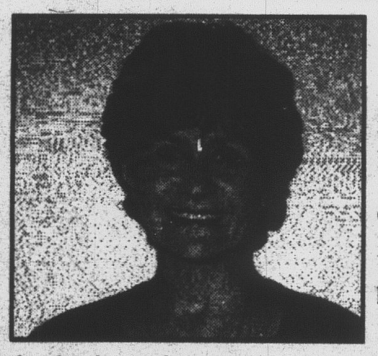
Even though a significant number of students didn't return to school this year, budgets were not cut.

According to Bill Birkhead, vice president for finances and management services, about 45 students did not return. "This took a lot of the joy out of an easier budget," Birkhead said.

All budgets had been set in anticipation of a surplus of students, which would provide a comfortable money situation. "Instead of being up by about 30, we are now down by about 16," Birkhead said.

To compensate for this lack of funds, the college was forced to do some restructuring to the budget. Budgets were not cut at all, however, no significant increases were granted. "No one was cut below their expenditures from last year," Birkhead said.

November 9, 2001



Linda Volpe retires after 15 years

Linda Volpe and her family have a strong connection to the college. Even though she is leaving her position, her 15 years on campus will not be forgotten.

Volpe first started here in October of 1986 as an academic secretary. She then began work on her bachelor's in English and graduated summa cum laude. In 1993, Volpe was promoted to executive secretary to the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. In 1997, she was promoted to assistant to the dean.

Volpe is leaving her position to help care for her daughter's new baby, Antonia. She still plans to teach writing classes at PSU Shenango in the evenings.

November 16, 2001

Mail room workers take precautions

The anthrax scare has struck fear into the hearts of mailroom workers across the country. To combat this fear and calm the worries of staff, safety procedures have been developed for dealing with suspicious items.

With a bottle of anti-bacterial hand gel beside her, Debbie White, supervisor of the campus post office explained that all the workers in the mailroom must wear rubber gloves while handling the mail and must frequently wash their hands with soap and water.

The campus post office has received no anthrax threats, but is prepared in case it does. Suspicious mail is to be placed in an airtight bag or covered with a box. Campus security is then to be notified immediately.

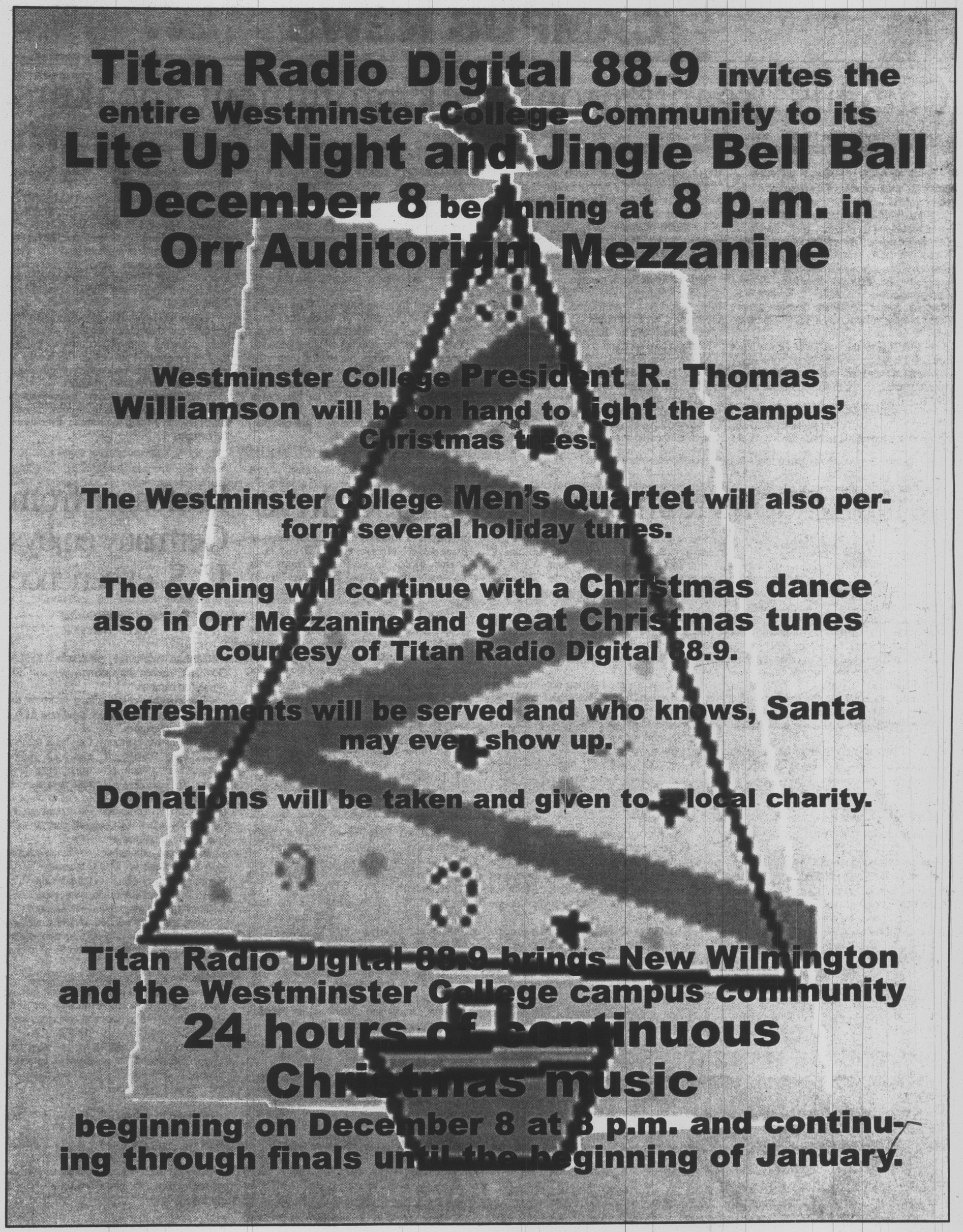
November 30, 2001

Hundred-Acre-Wood journey begins

The *Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail* was presented at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Beeghly Theater. Alpha Psi Omega, the theater honorary, presented the story of friendship.

The play was also presented on Nov. 29 and 30 to area elementary schools. Junior Katrina Kayden, production manager, said that New Wilmington, Farrell, Union, and Shenango elementaries all responded to invitations.

"It's a gift to the community," said Eileen Hendrickson, director of the theater department.



Titan Radio Digital 88.9 invites the entire Westminster College Community to its Lite Up Night and Jingle Bell Ball December 8 beginning at 8 p.m. in Orr Auditorium Mezzanine

Westminster College President R. Thomas Williamson will be on hand to light the campus' Christmas trees.

The Westminster College Men's Quartet will also perform several holiday tunes.

The evening will continue with a Christmas dance also in Orr Mezzanine and great Christmas tunes courtesy of Titan Radio Digital 88.9.

Refreshments will be served and who knows, Santa may even show up.

Donations will be taken and given to a local charity.

Titan Radio Digital 88.9 brings New Wilmington and the Westminster College campus community 24 hours of continuous Christmas music beginning on December 8 at 8 p.m. and continuing through finals until the beginning of January.

CAMPUS NEWS

Campus organizations seek prominent speakers

By Chelsea Marti
STAFF WRITER

With the spring semester approaching, possible campus speakers are the topic of discussion.

Both Mortar Board and Allies have already begun recruiting their speakers. Mortar Board has joined forces with Jackie Meade of the Career Center to get Mister Rogers, the host of a popular children's learning show on PBS produced by Family Communications, Inc. Allies has invited Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, a murdered college student, to address students as well.

Mortar Board and the Career Center have contacted Rogers many times and are waiting to hear from his representatives. He has a busy schedule and is costly, making him difficult to recruit.

"If Mr. Rogers does not accept the invitation, we have several other speakers in mind, however, we haven't voted on who we would approach next," said senior Carrie Mathers, Mortar Board president.

Mortar Board, a group that promotes scholarship and service, has chosen the theme "Literacy Across the Ages," for this year. Like Mortar Board, Rogers promotes literacy for people of all ages.

"Many Westminster students grew up watching Mr. Rogers on television. He has always had important messages and he is a well-respected national figure," said Marci Bihler, Mortar Board member.

Fred Rogers' show, "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," premiered in 1968 and became a staple of public TV stations across the United States. Rogers' mild manner, cardigan sweaters and soft voice have made him widely beloved and parodied. Rogers ended production of the show in 2001. In 1997, he accepted an Emmy for lifetime achievement.

Through his show, Rogers has provided many positive examples for children. He has stressed the importance of reading in many of his shows.

The second speaker, Judy Shepard, is the mother of Matthew Wayne Shepard, who was a 21-year-old University of Wyoming student. Because he was a homosexual, he was brutally beaten, tied to a fence and left to die in 1998. His mother has since worked to fight hate crimes and promote understanding.

She and her husband Dennis created the Matthew Shepard Foundation in 1998, in memory of their son. Their program supports diversity and helps to promote safe environments for youth. Her program also includes her national speaking program, "The Legacy of Matthew Shepard," in which Judy promotes respect and understanding for others. Not only does Judy discuss what happened to her son in her speeches, but she has shown the United States Department of Justice film which features the Shepard family as well as the family of James Byrd, Jr., the black man who was dragged to death.

She also discusses the power that one person has to change the world.

"Judy Shepherd has a message to share for everyone ... that everyone needs to be treated with respect and dignity, even if we don't always understand them," Keen Compher, Allies adviser said.

Allies was created four years ago, partly in response to what happened to Matthew Shepard. The student affairs office, the diversity office, Inquiry II and the Diversity Symposium have combined forces to contribute the necessary funds to meet Ms. Shepard's cost. Her fee goes to a non-profit organization supporting human respect and dignity for all.

"I have met several people who have heard her talk, and they claim her to be one of the most amazing and provocative speakers they've ever seen. I am certain this would be a very worthwhile event on this campus," said senior Brad Dell, Allies' president.

Judy Shepard may come to campus in February, so that her speech can coincide with Black History Month to promote diversity on the campus.

Organizations team up to hold food drive

By Craig Carlin
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 16 and 17, Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society, organized a canned food drive with the cooperation of the college's fraternities.

Amanda Ries, chair of the Lambda Sigma service committee, organized the event, which encouraged students to bring a can of food to any of the fraternity houses as the price of admission to parties.

"I really appreciate all the fraternities did to help us with this project," Ries said. "It wouldn't have been so successful without their cooperation."

From 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. on both Friday and Saturday night, members of Lambda Sigma sat at the doors of four of the five fraternity houses and collected over 100 cans of food and $15 according the Ries. A box for donations was placed outside the Sigma Nu house because it was the only house not open for a party that weekend.

Some students who forgot their can on those nights brought one to a Lambda Sigma member later in the week, according to Stefanie Maccaglia, Lambda Sigma president.

The cans collected during the drive were donated to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. According to Maccaglia, the people at the food bank were grateful for the donation because food supplies are lacking due to the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001.

Maccaglia heard about similar food drive projects at a Lambda Sigma convention at Texas A&M University on Oct. 20 and 21.

Both Maccaglia and Ries are happy with the turnout for the canned food drive. "It was such an easy service project to do," Maccaglia said.

Lambda Sigma met all its goals for the project according to Maccaglia. The goals included adequately promoting the food drive on campus, establishing contacts with every fraternity, spreading awareness of the need for donations, and most of all, collecting canned foods to help the hungry.

Plans are being made for the second Lambda Sigma canned food drive, possibly be held around Easter.

Professor from Germany enjoys U. S. experience

By Christy Steidel
STAFF WRITER

German exchange professor, Kristen Gotthardt teaches the German 101 and 301 classes on campus.

"I thoroughly enjoy getting to know the students better. Westminster is a great school with great colleagues," she said.

In Northwest Germany, Gotthardt teaches teens, ages 10-19, at a school called Gymnasium, which is similar to a high school. In Germany it is first necessary to graduate from this type of school in order to further one's education at a university. Gotthardt teaches both English and physical education at Gymnasium.

In Germany, the schools are usually larger with an average of 15,000 students. "It's a whole new experience," Gotthardt said. "The professors do not want to know you personally. They are just there to answer questions."

Also, she could not take a variety of classes in Germany. She only had the opportunity to specialize in English and physical education.

Gotthardt has a few goals that she hopes to achieve this year. "I hope to focus on gaining more teaching experience and knowing more about cultural differences and American mentality," she said.

Gotthardt's first time as an exchange professor has been a positive experience. "Westminster has been a great opportunity for me. I hope I get the chance to do this again," she said.

Gotthardt lives in North-Rhine Westphalia, Buncle, 60 miles south of Hanover, Germany with her parents and older brother, who is also a teacher.

She will be a professor here until the end of spring semester. She plans on leaving the college in May.

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This year, the City Mission is having the students purchase the gifts unwrapped so families can browse through available gifts. Keturah Laney, Chaplain's assistant, said she believes there are some risks involved with the City Mission's new idea. "I'm concerned that people won't buy the gifts because they don't specifically know who the gifts are going to. There is no name beside the gift," Laney said.

The gifts can be brought to Christmas Vespers on Dec. 9; the gifts will then placed under the Christmas trees at the service. Gifts can also be brought to the Chapel Office no later than Dec. 10.

This program is not limited to the students. While students do buy most of the gifts, faculty and administrators also donate to the cause every year. If gifts are not all purchased by the time the students leave for Christmas break, the faculty often pitches in to make sure everything is bought.

Junior Carrie Nehez has the most student experience with the Giving Tree on the Chapel Service Team. Nehez said she has high hopes for this year's program. "I hope that the school gets involved with the Giving Tree. People have really contributed in the past, and it helps bring our campus down to New Castle," Nehez said.

Sophomore Julie Wilson said the Giving Tree has a positive impact on our campus. "I think it's a great way to help the less fortunate, and the program gets the college involved in the community."

After Christmas, the Chapel Service Team often receives cards and letters thanking the students and faculty for their kindness during the holiday season.

Keturah Laney said she looks forward to the holiday season for the Giving Tree. "This is one of the key activities on campus that people participate in and go all out in, from students, faculty and administrators. People's hearts are really behind the Giving Tree."

Students to travel to Hawaii in January as part of course

By Kevin Humberston
STAFF WRITER

The second part of the two-semester biology and geology course will begin when 24 students depart for Hawaii on Jan. 2, 2002. The travel portion of the course will include 16 days in Hawaii.

This two-semester course is described as a classroom and field course on the geology, ecology, natural history and culture of the Hawaiian Islands. Basic principles of science will be used to understand biological, geological and cultural observations. These principles will be applied to the ethical and cultural dilemmas of tropical life in the Pacific islands.

Habitats unique to the Hawaiian Islands and historical significant places will be studied on four of the islands. The students will be staying in hotels or cabins.

The instructors guiding the students on the trip will be Dr. Ann Throckmorton, associate professor of biology, and Dr. Ken Long, professor of chemistry. Both instructors have previously guided student groups in Hawaii, so they understand what to expect.

"I think this is a great opportunity to apply what you learn in the classroom with a hands-on experience of being there," Throckmorton said.

There are four main islands the students will be studying. The first island is called Kauai, or the Garden Isle. The students and instructors will spend their first four days on this island. While on Kauai, they will visit the National Tropical Botanical Gardens at Limahuli. This particular research facility is dedicated to conserving Hawaii's endangered plants.

On Jan. 4 they will travel to Waimea Canyon, which is known as "the Grand Canyon of the Pacific," and spend a full day hiking along the Awaapuhi Ridge Trail. The final place they will visit while they are in Kauai is the Kilauea Wildlife Refuge. In the refuge center, they will see a behind-the-scenes tour of the habitat restoration work to promote the breeding reintroduction of many of Hawaii's sea birds.

The second of the three islands they will visit is Maui: the Valley Isle. On Jan. 6 they will take a mid-morning flight to Kahului, Maui. After the flight they will stop at the Keanae Arboretum to view the large collection of tropical plants. On the morning of Jan. 9, they will board a Pacific Whale Foundation boat for a morning of whale watching. Since Maui is known to be the area with most whale sightings, the students should not have any trouble getting a glimpse of at least one of the 2,000 humpback whales that migrate to Maui each winter.

The third of the four islands is Hawaii: the Big Island. On the morning of Jan. 11, they will fly from Maui to Hilo, on the big island. There they will tour the Tropical Botanical Gardens. In the afternoon, they will drive through a series of massive lava flows, descending to the coast.

During their final day on the Big Island, they will be able to relax. This day will be spent on the white sands of Hapuna Beach. Students will be able to SCUBA dive.

The final island they will study before they return home is Oahu: the Gathering Place. On Jan. 15, after they land in Honolulu, they will travel along the south shore for a tour of Pearl Harbor / Arizona Memorial to learn about America's entry into WWII. The rest of the evening will be free for the students to explore Waikiki.

On their final day in Hawaii, Jan. 17, they will visit the Bishop Museum to tour the exhibits on Hawaii's cultural and natural history.

1996 document found allowing freshmen at fraternity parties

By Libby Mucciarone
STAFF WRITER

A college alumnus found a document from 1996 stating that freshmen are permitted to attend fraternity parties.

The document, discovered by Phi Kappa Tau alumnus Phil Simington, activates two new ordinances for all fraternity house parties, the fraternity's current president Kenneth Schulz said.

"Security guards are now required to be present for any open fraternity party," he said. "Freshmen men and women are now allowed to attend open parties in the fall semester and spring semester."

According to Assistant Dean of student affairs John Lechner, the creation of this document was under a former dean.

The earlier rule, which only permitted freshmen to attend one party per fraternity house, changed about the same time the college began using student identification cards.

The document created in 1996, however, was never placed in the student handbook during this transition in the student affairs office.

According to Dean Lechner, the two ordinances in the document simply never were implemented. The college continued operating under the old rules, lacking a hard copy of this document.

"We searched all over the college trying to find one and we were unable to come up with a copy," he said. "We even contacted the old dean and went off campus trying to find it."

Simington, a 1999 alumnus, found a copy of the document in his personal files at home and gave it to the college.

"Phil kept a scrapbook of everything that occurred when he was pledging that year," Schulz said.

Photo by Joe Gill
A brother at Phi Kappa Tau provided the needed document.

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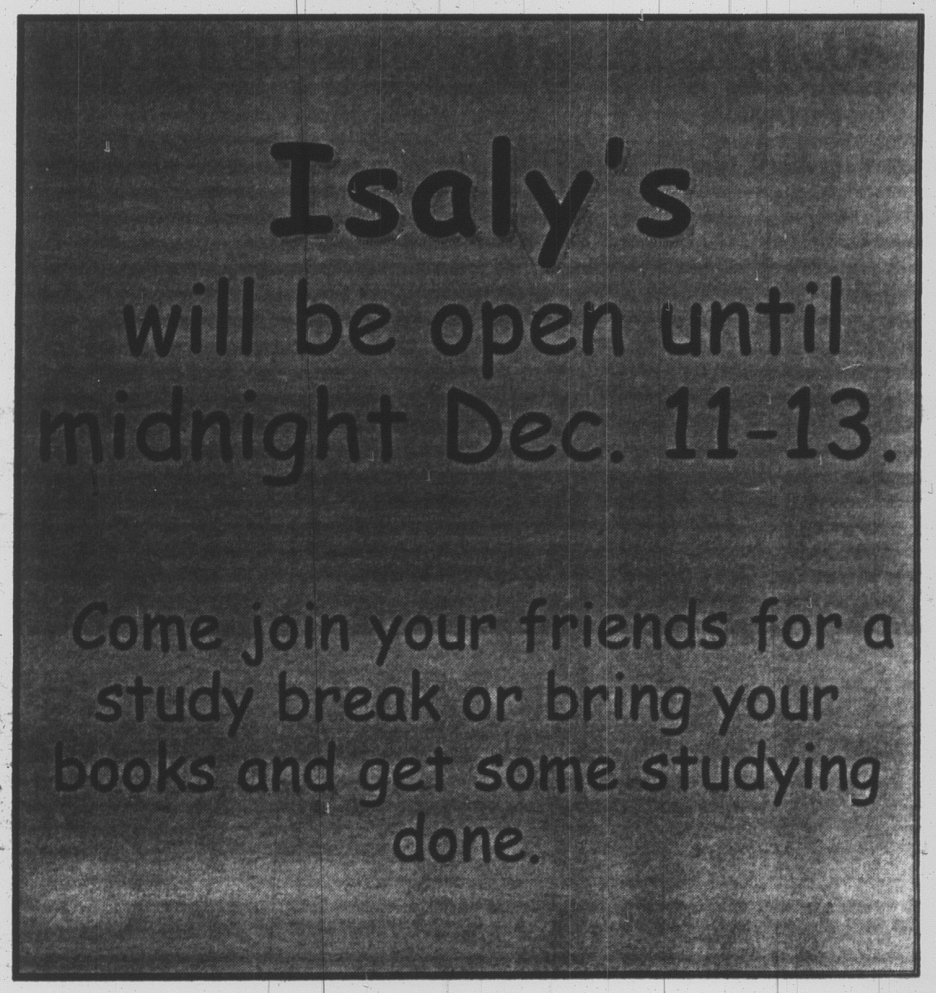
lege's internet service provider (ISP) called the IT department to inform them that the Sony corporation had hired a company to monitor the internet for illegal mp3s of songs to which the company owns the rights. The company discovered students on campus with such songs, and informed the ISP. The ISP then threatened to shut down the college's network.

Telecommunications/network engineer Don Goodlin called the ISP and informed them that there is no way for those outside the network to access files from the college site. "The way our network is set up, there is no way we can be a server site of mp3s for individuals outside our network to download," Goodlin said. "The outside individuals will be able to see the mp3s on our site and attempt to download them, but will not be successful." As a result, the ISP retracted its threat, and the old system of 11-7 was reinstated.

"Our policy as the IT department is not to say, 'you can't do this and you can't do that,'" Goodlin said. "But we are a college, so our first priorities are academics and research. We have to set some limitations to make sure they function properly. That's our main goal."

Goodlin also elaborated on mp3 files. "There is no way we can block mp3 files themselves. They aren't illegal. Only the transfer of the copyrighted material is," he said. "In fact, some professors even ask students to download some legal mp3s for classes, so we allow for a lot of space for students to get them at night."

The time restrictions are still too much for a few students. "I had a small number of students who were very upset respond," Goodlin said. "But for the most part, the campus community understands."



AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Planned Parenthood selling The Three Rivers Condom

PITTSBURGH - If your memories of the Feb. 11 implosion of Three Rivers Stadium aren't vivid enough, try this on for size: Planned Parenthood is selling condoms commemorating the event.

The products are the result of the third annual promotion run by Planned Parenthood's Western Pennsylvania Action Fund.

The Three Rivers Stadium Condom by winning designer Melissa Black features a black matchbook-type cover with a picture of the stadium being blown up.

Beneath the picture is a caption: "It Contains the Explosion!"

Called "Stiff Competition: A Hard Look at Local History" the contest challenged Pittsburgh area residents to design condom packaging based on a great-or not so great-moment in Pittsburgh history.

If nothing else, the contest has proven that even in the bedroom, Pittsburgh is a sports-crazy town. Last year's winner was named the Pitt Stadium Condom, which was also razed.

The slogan? 'Feels Like It's Not Even There."

Planned Parenthood is selling the condoms for $1 each, plus 15 percent shipping and handling.

The proceeds support the fund's lobbying and public relations efforts.

Officials from The Andy Warhol Museum, the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and the Carnegie Museum of Art chose the winning package.

Runners-up included a multicolored package that included a new turn on a phrase made popular by Pittsburgh children's television star Mister Rogers. "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" the package asks.

Two others poked fun at Pittsburgh landmarks, the Liberty Tunnels-a north-south passage way into the city-and the Duquesne Incline.

Liberty Tube Condoms would promise the user "Safe Entry North or South." The Duquesne Incline Condom was billed as "A Safe & Reliable Ride."

Murder suspect arrested for stealing food and Band-Aid

By Ron Todt
AP STAFF WRITER

BETHLEHEM, Pennsylvania - The manhunt for fugitive real estate heir Robert Durst came to a sudden end when the murder suspect was arrested at a Pennsylvania store for allegedly stealing a sandwich and Band-Aid for a cut under his nose, police said.

District Justice Barbara Schlegel said Durst volunteered his name to police when he was taken into custody Friday and gave a New York address. A computer records check revealed he was wanted as a fugitive, she said.

"If he hadn't given us a New York address, we would have given him a summons and released him," said Colonial Regional Police Department Detective Gary Hammer.

Durst, 58, was charged in October with murder in the death of his 71-year-old neighbor, whose dismembered body was discovered in Texas' Galveston Bay.

He also is being investigated in his wife's disappearance 19 years ago and in the slaying last Christmas Eve of author Susan Berman, a longtime friend.

Durst is the son of the late Seymour Durst, patriarch of a real estate company that owns several of New York's skyscrapers. Robert Durst has been estranged from the family since the early 1990s.

On Friday, Durst was stopped by grocery store security guards for allegedly trying steal Band-Aids, a sandwich and a newspaper, the store's manager Kevin Stickles said.

Police in Galveston said they were relieved to learn of the arrest because they had information that Durst might have fled the country. "He had the financial resources to remain a fugitive for a long time," Lt. Michael Putnal said.

He was arrested on Oct. 9 for allegedly killing Morris Black, a neighbor in his apartment building. Durst posted a dlrs 300,000 bond the next day and failed to appear for an Oct. 16 court hearing. He was declared a fugitive and indicted on a murder charge.

Police gave no motive for the killing.

Authorities also have looked into a possible connection to the slaying of Berman, who was shot to death in Los Angeles last year. She is the daughter of reputed Las Vegas mobster Davie Berman.

Durst has denied involvement in the 1982 disappearance of his wife, 29-year-old medical student Kathleen Durst. Last year, the district attorney's office in New York's Westchester County reopened the investigation into her disappearance. One of the people they wanted to interview was Berman.

Lawsuit settlement includes free sign language interpreters

MONROEVILLE, Pa. - An Allegheny County medical practice will provide free sign language interpreters to deaf patients and pay an undisclosed sum of money to settle a lawsuit filed by a deaf man and his hearing wife.

Darrin and Anna Majocha, of Monroeville, sued after they said the staff at Pittsburgh Ear, Nose & Throat Associates, refused to provide an interpreter when the couple brought their 15-month-old son in for an ear infection in August 1999.

Anna Majocha can perform sign language, but was unable to interpret the doctor's remarks for her husband because she was busy holding their son during the appointment.

Alan Baum, the doctors' attorney, says the physicians did nothing wrong, but they settled the suit because of risks they faced if it continued. Baum also denied the doctors later declined to treat the couple's son.

The Majochas contend the doctors canceled an appointment for their son and wrote the couple a letter refusing to treat him. The couple claimed that violated the Americans with Disabilities Act, which, among other things, guarantees patients effective communication with their doctors.

Attorneys for both sides refused to say how much money the doctors paid to settle the lawsuit.

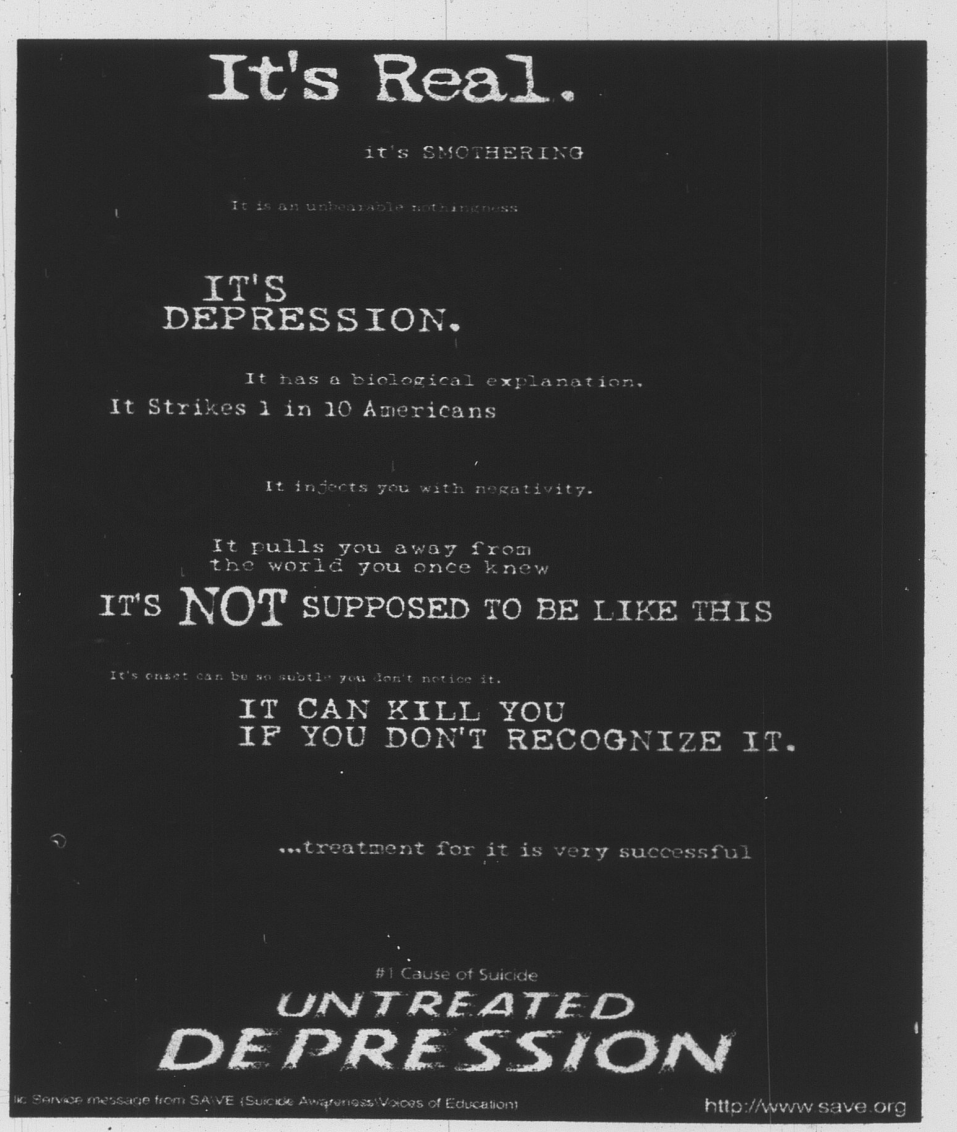
Erie authorities seize $400,000 worth of crack and cocaine

ERIE, Pa. - Authorities in Erie seized nearly nine pounds of crack and powder cocaine worth an estimated $400,000 on Thursday. Authorities say it's the largest seizure in the region's history.

The FBI charged Felix Manuel Sanchez, 32, with one count of possession with intent to deliver. Besides the cocaine, authorities said they recovered $21,000 at his Erie apartment.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marshall Piccinni said the cocaine came to Erie as part of a large-scale drug distribution network that is still being investigated.

Sanchez was being held at the Erie County Prison until a detention hearing scheduled for Wednesday.



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Source of anthrax not found in New York case

By Jim Fitzgerald
AP STAFF WRITER

NEW YORK - When even the subways tested negative for anthrax, the search for the source of the germs that killed a hospital clerk seemed to nearly stop in its tracks.

Medical and criminal investigators say they haven't stopped working, but admit they're short on clues and results.

"It certainly is no exaggeration to say that there hasn't been much, or really any, progress," FBI spokesman Joseph Valiquette said Friday.

It's not for lack of effort.

As Kathy Nguyen lay dying in a hospital, too ill to be questioned, her quiet life came under a microscopic examination by investigators trying to find out how, where and when the 61-year-old stockroom worker encountered enough anthrax to kill her. She died Oct. 31, New York's first case of inhalation anthrax.

Behind the detective work was the hope that Nguyen's case would lead to whoever was compounding the nation's fears by sending anthrax through the mail.

The seven other anthrax cases counted by the city Department of Health-the CDC has confirmed four-were associated with NBC, CBS, ABC and the New York Post. All were the skin form of the disease, and all the victims recovered.

Investigators thought they might find new clues when 94-year-old Ottilie Lundgren of Oxford, Conn., died Nov. 21 of inhalation anthrax. Like Nguyen, she was older, lived alone and spent a lot of time by herself.

The city Health Department joined Connecticut health officials in searching for anything else the women might have had in common. New York's Joint Terrorist Task Force sent an FBI agent and a police detective to Connecticut.

Like Nguyen, Lundgren had no known link to the media and did not handle a lot of mail. But on Friday investigators said they found minute traces of anthrax on a letter sent to a nearby home and Connecticut Gov. John Roland, suggesting Lundgren's mail might have contaminated by other letters.

On Saturday, the postal facility at Hamilton, N.J., which handled at least four tainted letters, sent out its first pieces of mail that had been decontaminated by radiation. About 800,000 pieces of mail have gone undelivered since the Hamilton post office closed Oct. 18 because of anthrax contamination.

There was no contaminated mail in Nguyen's case. There was no trace of anthrax at either her apartment or her workplace at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. No other anthrax cases developed, despite the medical belief that Nguyen must have encountered a large number of inhalable spores.

Investigators tried to reconstruct Nguyen's last couple of weeks but found little beyond her daily subway ride to work and unremarkable encounters with friends and merchants.

"We've done everything we can to reconstruct her life and her travels and her habits and all of that and everything has turned up negative," Valiquette said.

The subway tests, at six stations Nguyen commonly used, found no anthrax.

Investigators learned a lot about where Nguyen didn't get anthrax. They learned little about where she did get anthrax.

"Most of it is in the rule-out category rather than the rule-in category," said Dr. Steven Ostroff of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

He said it was reassuring that no other New Yorkers had shown anthrax symptoms since Nguyen's death, but investigators were not relaxing.

The FBI, the Police Department and the city Department of Health all consider the case open and all have personnel assigned to it.

FBI agents and police detectives are answering hot line calls and following up with legwork if it's warranted, Valiquette said. The Health Department is surveying hospitals and doctors to make sure any new cases are noted quickly, said spokesman Andrew Tucker. CDC workers in New York and Atlanta are analyzing the data already recorded, Ostroff said.

"There is an explanation for her illness," Ostroff said, "and our job is to determine to the best we can among the various hypotheses that are on the table which one of them is the most likely."

Children of abducted couple gain hope from minute of videotape

By Roxana Hegeman
AP STAFF WRITER

ROSE HILL, Kan. - The videotape was only a minute long, but it offered the first reassurance to Martin and Gracia Burnham's children since their parents were kidnapped by Muslim extremists linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

The footage, recorded by a Philippine cable station Nov. 25, gave the Burnham's children-Jeffrey, 14, Melinda, 12, and Zachary, 10-the only glimpse they've had of their parents since the abduction in May. The family sat down together to watch the tape Saturday.

"It was very difficult but also reassuring that they were still alive," said Paul Burnham, Martin's father. "We also realized they can't hold on much longer."

The Burnhams, missionaries who have worked in the Philippines since 1986, are the only remaining Americans taken hostage during a raid on an upscale resort in which 20 people were captured. The Wichita, Kan., couple were taken hostage May 27 while celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary.

A Filipino nurse, Deborah Yap, also is being held. Most of the other captives have either been released or have escaped. The remains of a third captured American were found last month.

Abu Sayyaf, an Islamic rebel group that has been linked to bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist group, is holding the hostages. On the tape, armed Abu Sayyaf guerillas can be seen surrounding the handcuffed couple, who were interviewed by a freelance journalist.

Wearing a white Muslim-style head covering, Gracia Burnham looked frightened and her eyes were swollen. Martin Burnham had a beard. Both had had lost weight.

"Looks like mom is taking it harder than dad," Jeffrey Burnham told his grandparents.

"They had never seen their father in a beard. It was quite a shock," Paul Burnham said. "They kind of laughed too."

The videotape convinced the family that they must do more to make people aware of their suffering. They made their first appearance on national television Friday, as CBS anchor Bryant Gumbel interviewed Paul Burnham's wife Oreta and other relatives from the studio of "The Early Show."

Although the family initially avoided publicity, they are now planning other television appearances to publicize the couple's captivity.

"We feel like the media exposure helps to realize their real need to get their parents back-and maybe the government will work a little harder to get them released," Paul Burnham said.

After watching their parents on the video, the children wrote them a letter.

In the past few months, the family has been able to get letters, pictures of the children and even a little food to the hostages by sending them to the New Tribes Mission facility in the Philippines. The mission apparently has contacts that can get things to the rebels, Paul Burnham said.

"They don't reveal it, and we don't ask," he said.

The elder Burnhams said the U.S. government has depended too much on the Philippine military. The family wants the United States to be more active.

If he could talk to the people holding his son and daughter-in-law, Paul Burnham said, he would tell them this: "They have suffered enough already. Have mercy on them before they starve to death."

Harvard graduates may have to start low on corporate ladder

By Michaela O. Daniel
AP STAFF WRITER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Seniors and graduate students leaving Harvard University next June will have a tougher time finding a job than recent graduates, according to a survey cited Thursday in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The study-conducted by the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University-found that "members of the Class of 2002 can expect a 6 percent to 13 percent contraction in the labor market" this year.

In the wake of the economic uncertainty that followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the National Bureau of Economics Research's revelation that the economy has been in a recession since March, few seniors seem surprised at the news.

"Going through the recruiting process this year, you can just tell how bad the job market is, especially compared to the last two or three years," said Melanie L. Forbes. "Administrators, recruiters and older friends are all telling us how bad things look in corporate offices these days."

Graduates with technical degrees are likely to see the biggest change in the job market. According to the survey, the "number of engineering jobs for new graduates will be down 10 percent, and computer-science jobs will be down 17 percent."

Computer science concentrator Nicholas C. Murphy said that the job prospects he has encountered in the recruiting process this year are not as good as he had hoped.

"I have a couple of prospects, but I think that it is a lot harder to get a job this year than in the past. Start-up companies were always looking for people. Now you really have to search for a job," Murphy said.

Most students looking to enter the labor force have said that they have fewer choices than they expected.

"Last year I was certain that I could get the job of my choice in the city of my choice, but today I'm much less optimistic. Now I'm hoping to get any job," Forbes said.

While corporate-minded students are watching the economy closely, students who do not aspire to start careers in business or technology say they are less concerned about job prospects.

Sarah D. Beller says that the recent decrease in available jobs has not changed her career plans.

"I want to work in education or for a non-profit. Those jobs might be down a little, too, but I'm not too worried. There are always people who need to learn," Beller said.

Some students have found that the slowing economy is actually benefiting them.

Kelley N. Johnson plans to take advantage of the deferment option that Monitor Company offered her and spend next year in Spain.

"I didn't want to study abroad while I was here because I didn't want to miss anything on campus. I am excited to have the opportunity to go abroad now," she said.

But for many graduating students who are currently test the waters, sending out early job applications, they just hope that graduating with a Harvard degree and multiple skills will be enough to get them a secure position in the workforce.

"Does the fact that statistics show that the job market is down mean that Harvard students are going to end up unemployed and eating in soup kitchens? Probably not," Patrick T. Noble said. "It just means that many Harvard students might have to start thinking less corporate."

INTERNATIONAL

George Harrison dies at age 58, leaves legacy behind

By Alex Kingsbury
AP STAFF WRITER

CHICAGO, Ill. - George Harrison, guitarist for the Beatles whose work defined a generation, died Thursday after a long battle with cancer. He was 58. Harrison died at 1:30 p.m. at a friend's home in Los Angeles. His wife Olivia Harrison and son Dhani were both present.

"He left this world as he lived in it, conscious of God, fearless of death, and at peace, surrounded by family and friends," said a Harrison family statement.

Friends and fans across the world will mourn the passing of Harrison, who announced in 1998 that he had throat cancer. In 1999, an assailant stabbed him during an invasion of his home. In July 2001 he released a statement saying that he was all right and for fans, "not to worry." There had been speculation, however, that he was seriously ill.

"He was a lovely guy and a very brave man and had a wonderful sense of humor," said former Beatle Paul McCartney in London. "He is really just my baby brother."

Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr are the two remaining Beatles. John Lennon was shot and killed outside his New York apartment building by a deranged fan in 1980.

Harrison's work with the Beatles, though often overshadowed by the legendary song-writing duo of Lennon and McCartney, was revolutionary. His lead guitar ranged from the blistering solos of "Back in the USSR," the restrained passion in "Something," the mystic "Within You, Without You" and the cheerful "Here Comes the Sun."

It was Harrison who introduced the Beatles to transcendental meditation under the guidance of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. His interest in Indian music prompted him to use the sitar in the classic "Norwegian Wood," introducing the instrument to popular music. He also befriended Eric Clapton, who contributed to the White Album's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," which Harrison wrote. Known as the quiet Beatle, he and Lennon grew tired of "Beatlemania" and the pressures of touring as the world's greatest rock band.

In 1966 he married Patti Boyd, who had a small appearance in the Beatles' film "A Hard Day's Night." They divorced in 1977 and she married Clapton. Harrison and Clapton remained close, and the two worked on the Clapton hit "Badge."

Though he will always be remembered as a Beatle, he was very active after the group disbanded when he was 24. Harrison released his three-disc solo opus "All Things Must Pass" in 1970 to considerable acclaim. His solo career did not see the success that some had anticipated however. He had numerous hits with "My Sweet Lord" and the Lennon tribute "All Those Years Ago." He was the driving force behind the 1971 Concert for Bangladesh, a tribute concert from the victims of the Pakistan Bangladesh war.

In 1978 he married Olivia Arias and the two had a son Dhani. In addition to his musical efforts, he was also active in charity causes.

"People will be very sad at his death," said British Prime Minster Tony Blair in a press statement. "I think it's worth pointing out that he wasn't just a great musician and artist, he did an immense amount for charity as well, so he will be very, very sadly missed by people right round the world."

Harrison founded Hand Made Films and produced the Monty Python's

Flying Circus movie "The Life of Brian."

"He was a great entertainer," former Python member Michael Palin told the BBC. "George wasn't head in the clouds all the time, when it came to business and all that-he was feet very much on the ground." The Beatles, who began their musical careers in Liverpool, continue to be a musical force despite breaking up in 1970. Their "Beatles 1" album topped the charts last year.

"It really is the end of a dream, the end of an era," said John Chambers, of the Liverpool Beatles Appreciation Society. "The only comfort we can take is the legacy of the music, which is as powerful and mysterious today as it ever was."

International Briefs

Nelson Mandela urges South Africa to fight AIDS

CAPE TOWN, South Africa-Nelson Mandela, the former president of a country now beset by a deadly AIDS epidemic, commemorated World AIDS Day Saturday by urging South Africa's youth to fight the disease and accept those who suffer from it.

"There is no difference whatsoever between somebody who is HIV-positive and myself," Mandela said. "We should approach people who are HIV-positive. We must give them love and support and not marginalize them."

Since the disease was first reported two decades ago, an estimated 40 million people worldwide are now HIV positive, 28.1 million of them in sub-Saharan Africa, figures released by UNAIDS this week show. The agency expects AIDS to kill 3 million people this year.

An estimated 4.7 million South Africans-one in nine-are HIV positive, more than in any other country, and President Thabo Mbeki's government has come under fire for its haphazard approach toward fighting the epidemic.

Japan's royal couple has child

TOKYO-The birth of a daughter Saturday to Japan's royal couple prompted an outpouring of joy but also a little apprehension in a country where only males can assume the throne.

As the nation celebrated the first child born to Crown Princess Masako after eight years of marriage to the heir to the throne, Crown Prince Naruhito, the prime minister faced calls to abandon the controversial law-forbidding women from reigning.

The new princess, born at 61/2 pounds, won't be named until next week. Both mother and daughter were reported in good condition at the hospital in the Imperial Palace.

Thousands of well-wishers gathered outside the moat-ringed palace, waiting to sign a congratulatory book. Another 10,000 people were expected to join in a lantern festival outside the palace gates Sunday.

Bombing kills civilians

JALALABAD, Afghanistan - Coalition bombing raids in eastern Afghanistan struck three villages and killed scores of civilians, witnesses and anti-Taliban commanders said Saturday. The U.S. military said it has no evidence any of its air strikes hit civilians.

Witnesses and survivors at a nearby hospital said between 100 and 200 villagers were killed Saturday when warplanes dropped more than 25 bombs in four passes over the village of Kama Ado, 30 miles south of Jalalabad.

Witnesses and provincial officials also reported bombing in the nearby village of Agom, killing five. And Hazrat Ali, the security chief for Nangarhar province where the bombing occurred, said at least 50 people were killed Friday night when bombs fell on Khan-e-Muirajuddin, southwest of Jalalabad.

Marine Corps Maj. Brad Lowell, a spokesman from U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla., said Saturday that the military has no evidence any of its air strikes in the area hit civilians.

U.N. talks make progress

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany - Talks on Afghanistan's political future moved into a decisive phase Saturday after the northern alliance said it was prepared to transfer power to a U.N.-backed interim council and allow an international security force, clearing the way for an agreement.

The announcement followed a night of intense diplomacy. The U.N. envoy to the conference among four Afghan delegations outside Bonn called the Afghan capital, Kabul, to press for a breakthrough after northern alliance leaders there said they could not accept a council named in Germany.

Diplomats and participants at the talks said the emerging deal includes only the creation of a small interim council with executive powers, leaving aside an envisioned larger interim council with quasi-legislative functions.

Eight people killed in suicide bombings

JERUSALEM - Two suicide bombers detonated nail-studded explosives in a downtown Jerusalem pedestrian mall crowded with young weekend revelers Saturday. The blasts killed the assailants and six bystanders and wounded 150 people.

Minutes after the back-to-back explosions, another bomb went off in a car parked nearby, sending panicked pedestrians running in all directions.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said it was "one of the worst (attacks) we have ever seen."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but the militant Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups have threatened to carry out attacks in Israel to avenge the killing of Hamas' military leader in the West Bank in an Israeli missile attack last week.

The attacks came as a senior U.S. envoy, retired Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, was in Israel to try to secure a cease-fire.

Tribal warriors attempt to gain airport

KABUL, Afghanistan - Tribal warriors claimed to be making a major assault on Taliban forces defending Kandahar's airport Saturday night as thousands more fighters from another anti-Taliban faction headed toward the city from the north.

In Germany, negotiations for a post-Taliban government saw progress when the northern alliance reversed itself and submitted nominees to serve on an interim administration alongside three other factions. It also said it no longer opposed international peacekeepers, if the force was set up by the United Nations.

South of Kandahar, U.S. jets pounded Taliban positions around the airport incessantly, refugees from the embattled militia's last stronghold said. Some told of increasingly desperate Taliban soldiers moving from house to house, trying to hide among civilians from the fury of American air strikes.

Democratic Progressive Party grips legislature

TAIPEI, Taiwan - The Taiwanese president's party-distrusted by China-grabbed the largest number of seats in legislative elections Saturday, a victory that could pressure Beijing to start talking with the island's leader.

In a once unthinkable reversal, the formerly banned Democratic Progressive Party of President Chen Shui-bian snapped the Nationalist Party's five-decade grip on the 225-seat legislature.

However, no party won a legislative majority, and DPP must now try to create Taiwan's first coalition government. Failure to do so could lead to more of the gridlock that has helped pull the economy into its first recession in 30 years.

According to official results, the DPP-which had one-third of the legislature before the vote-increased its presence to 87 seats, or about 40 percent. The Nationalists, who previously held 110 seats, plunged to 68 seats after predicting they would win 85.

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HEALTH

Sharing razors can spread Hepatitis B or C, even HIV

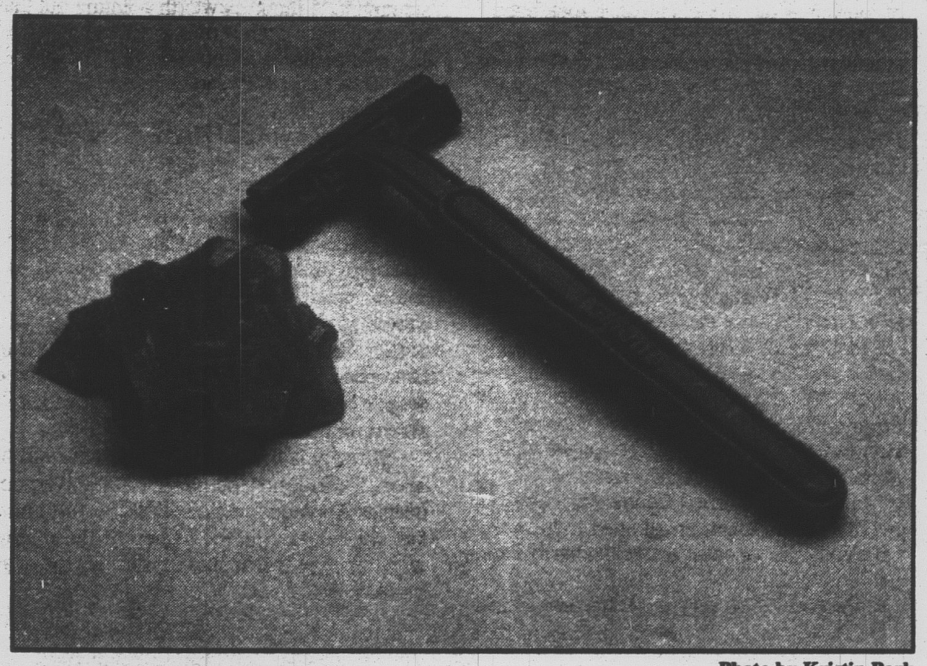


Photo by Kristin Park

Sharing razors can spread unwanted diseases.

By Kara Stivason
STAFF WRITER

Imagine this scenario: You are at a summer camp and you have been there for a week with no razor. You are extremely hairy and have no access to a razor. Today, you are going to the beach. Your roommate offers her razor. You just met her this week. What do you do?

Razors are commonly shared by athletes before swim meets or body building competitions, by those within domestic or group living arrangements, and by sexual partners. Sharing razors is a risky behavior, and could lead to Hepatitis B or C. It is also a potential source of HIV infection.

According to WebMD Medical News, during one month in the fall of 2000, 10 players from a Pennsylvania college football team sought medical attention when strange abscesses erupted on their chests, arms and thighs. Testing revealed that the young men were infected with a particularly hard-to-treat form of a common bacteria. Because of its resistance to a strong antibiotic, methicillin, the strain is called MRSA, or methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. Soon after the students sought help, the medical team was called in to identify the source and trace the spread of the infection. They questioned team members, looking for clues. Before long they knew that many of the players habitually shaved their bodies "to emulate the look of bodybuilders, often sharing razors," Marion Kainer, MD said. They also learned that just before the first signs of infection appeared, the team had played on artificial turf for the first and only time. Many of the players who eventually became infected had sustained significant "turf burn" abrasions during that game.

Approximately 300,000 Americans get Hepatitis B each year, most of whom are adolescents and young adults. Hepatitis B is contracted both sexually and non-sexually when a person's mucous membranes are exposed to an infected person's blood, semen, vaginal secretions, or saliva. If you fall into the age range of teens-twenties, you are already at risk for Hepatitis B.

"By sharing razors with anyone, you are putting yourself at risk and putting your life on the line, " Dr. Gary D. Vogin of WebMD said.

So you've got mono: how to keep away from the kissing disease

By Andrea Majot
STAFF WRITER

'Tis the season to be sharing ... but some things are better kept to yourself. So before young romantics pucker up for holiday kisses, they should learn more about the symptoms of infectious mononucleosis.

Infectious mononucleosis, often called mono or the "kissing disease," is usually caused by the Epstein-Barr virus. Most people who are infected with the virus never contract mono, but they are still carriers. Because of this, most people never know who gave them mono.

Health Center Director, Judith Duda, said she usually only sees one or two cases of the disease on campus at a time. College and high school students are more often infected, due to their living arrangements and hectic schedules.

"Anybody who's under a lot of stress is susceptible to disease," Duda said.

Mono symptoms include sore throat, fatigue, swollen glands, muscle aches, fever, skin rash and an enlarged spleen.

Mono is spread through saliva and other bodily fluids. This does not, however, mean that only kissing spreads the infection. Sharing utensils or drinks can spread the disease.

Casual contact will not spread mono. In fact, those who have daily contact with mono patients rarely contract the disease.

"I don't know if I've ever seen a case when the roommate has it," Duda said.

According to the American College Health Association, mono will go away on its own, without the aid of antibiotics. Because shots and pills will not treat viral diseases, the best medicine is to get plenty of rest and good nutrition. Mono sufferers should also steer clear of alcohol during, and a month following the illness.

People who suspect they have mono, however, should consult a physician before treating themselves. A health care professional should test for mono antibodies to confirm or deny the presence of the disease because it can lead to serious complications.

Streptococcal infections occur in about eight percent of mono cases. Inflammation of the liver and jaundice are also rare, but serious. Another more dangerous complication is the rupturing of the spleen. This can occur if the area of the spleen (upper left abdomen) is struck or the patient engages in too much physical activity.

Mono is a serious disease, but it is not an instant sentence to a month of bed rest. "We do not require students who have mono to stay out of class," Duda said.

Duda said that each case is different. Some patients are able to attend classes or work on a regular schedule. Others, on the far end of the spectrum, are committed to the hospital. Because it is such a subjective affliction, it is best to seek medical attention when dealing with mono.

Washing hands regularly can prevent the spread of pink eye

By Ian Brown
STAFF WRITER

It's cold and flu season again and that means coughing and runny noses. What you might not know, is how easy it is to get pink eye during these next few months.

Most cases of pink eye are caused by the same virus that causes the common cold.

"Pink eye is very contagious," Health Center Director, Judith Duda, said. "Living in close quarters with so many other people on a college campus increases your risk of getting pink eye."

Duda says that to reduce the risk of contracting pink eye you people should wash their hands regularly.

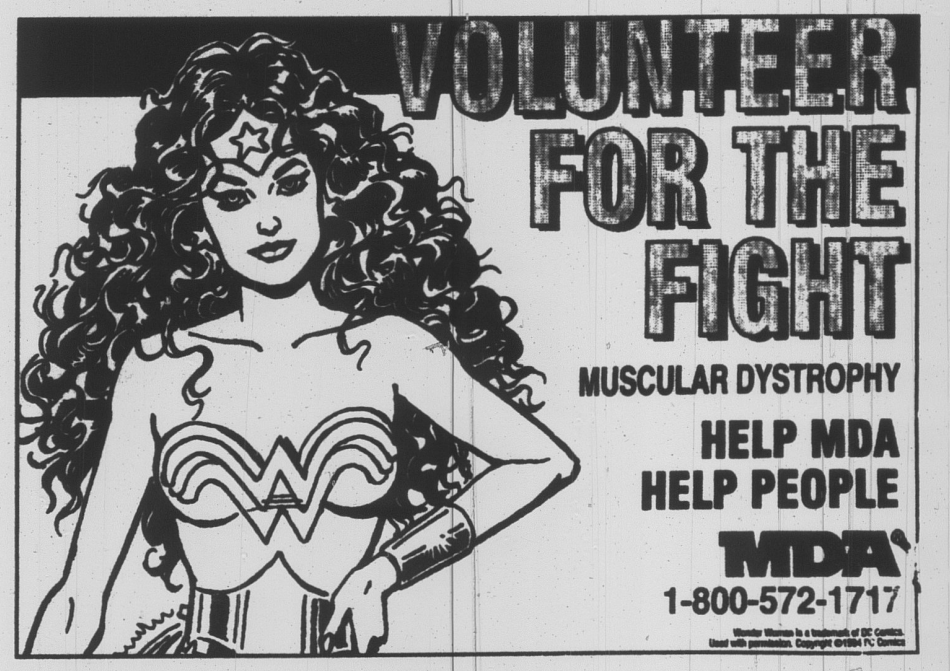
"Wash your hands after you blow your nose," Duda said. She also said to be careful around people with colds.

The Student Health Center treats about seven people a month with problems relating to their eyes. Typically 3/4 of these cases are pink eye.

"Getting rid of pink eye is rather easy," Duda said. "Use antibiotic drops in your eyes and make sure to wash your hands. It usually takes five days to clear up."

Some students confuse allergic reactions or problems with contact lenses with pink eye.

"If contact lenses aren't cared for properly, they can develop sharp edges or contain bacteria," Duda said. "Contact wearers also touch their eyes more than others, so their eyes are more likely to become irritated."



SPORTS

Equestrian team ranked fourth of 13

By Nikki Voit
STAFF WRITER

The members of the equestrian team may not get as much recognition as other people on campus, but they practice long and hard.

In the fall and spring, the equestrian team participates in shows that take a great deal of preparation.

The team practices at Little Neshannock Stables beside the biology barn. No transportation is provided, but it is not a long walk.

The team caters to riders of all levels. Some team members have years of experience while others may have never ridden a horse.

Sophomore Amy Bridge has been riding horses for 12 years. "Being a member of the team is a good experience for anyone who loves horses, riding, or even wants to learn," she said. Bridge has been a member for two years but is currently inactive.

Dues for the team are $250 a semester, but $200 of that can be raised through sponsors. Any additional shows are $20 each, but these are optional.

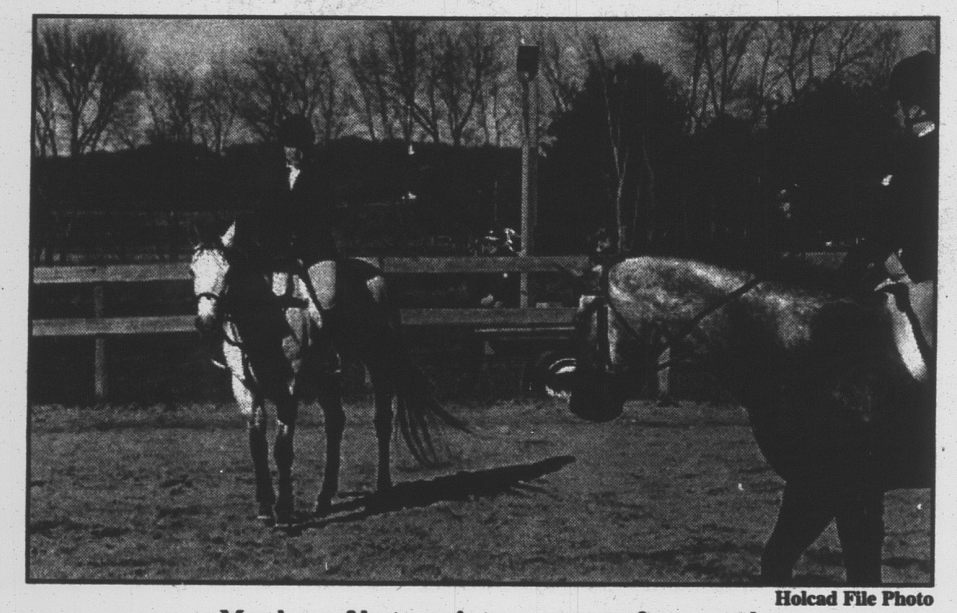
Mary McKinley, the team's coach, allows students to use her lesson horses during practice. Members attend weekly meetings, attend optional shows, and practice at least once a week. After practice, members are also required to help feed and groom their horse.

Members are assigned to a practice night and are expected to ride on their required night. If there is a schedule conflict, the rider is expected to find someone else to ride at her time.

Sophomore Alicia Richie has been riding horses for 16 years and, like Bridge, has been on the team for two years. "You have to have the will and desire to learn. Each step in succeeding to higher levels, takes a great deal of commitment and is not something you can learn overnight," she said.

The team is a hunt seat team, which means riders are judged on their equitation or what the rider looks like on the horse. At a show, a rider is given a horse by the luck of the draw, usually chosen by a neutral person early in the morning. The team competes against about 13 schools, some of them large schools like Penn State and Pitt. Sometimes these larger teams have an advantage because they have more of their own horses that they are comfortable riding. Often schools don't have enough horses and more need to be brought in for shows and competitions.

Senior Gwen Safran has been a member of the team for four years. She said she is really proud of the group. "We have come a long way this year. We ranked fourth in the region out of about 13 schools," she said. To find out more, students can contact coach Mary McKinley at mary@equisports.com.



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Members of last year's team prepare for a match.

Titans fall to Tiffin University 67-72

Holcad File Photo

The men's team gets a peptalk before the game.

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The men's basketball team fell to 2-4 last weekend with a 72-67 loss to 1-4 Tiffin University of Ohio.

The lead changed hands 13 times throughout the game. The Titans opened an eight-point advantage with 5:11 to play in the first half, before Tiffin set off a 13-4 run to bring the game within a point at the half.

During the third period, Tiffin regained control, leading by as much as six, before Westminster rallied to a five-point lead at 65-60, with 4:58 on the clock. The Dragons took a final lead on a seven-point run, and sealed the win with two baskets in the final 1:12.

Leading all scorers, Titan junior forward Joe Wilson put up 17 points, shooting five of seven from the field, including two three-pointers, and five of six from the line.

Senior forward Ryan Oman racked-up 13 points, while junior center Greg Foster snagged six rebounds and sophomore Andy Pobielski contributed four assists.

The team returns to action this weekend at home against Mt. St. Aloysius for a 3 p.m. contest.

For more Titan sport action, head to:
www.westminster.edu/Athletics

Athleticism is its own reward

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The college's athletic program has gone through serious changes in the three and a half years that I have been here. The seniors this year have been through all of the ups, downs and more downs. We were recruited when the school was in the NAIA, came to play two years in Division II, and played our last two years ineligible to win anything in Division III. Yet, even though my college athletic experience didn't turn out as I expected, I still have pride in knowing that I am one of the athletes who stuck through it all. We didn't give up when we faced fierce competition, or even when we dominated a conference we couldn't even win. We didn't give up when we lost routinely and were out-numbered and out-sized. We didn't transfer or quit when other schools offered hopes of a national title. We are the few who, even though we don't have a conference title or a national championship, can say that we helped shape the Titan tradition by having dedication and commitment to our school.

We also had to go through field house renovations and we only get one semester of the new track. We were there when the training room was practically a closet with very limited seating, the track was a bumpy mess composed of a kitty litter-like substance, and the locker rooms where uncarpeted and heated to approximately 108-degrees. But we had all we needed, and then some. Rather, it is a good comparison to show the luxury the new athletes can enjoy.

On top of this, the athletic department has announced the new prizes for letter winners. I am a four-year letter winner and I will have a jacket and a blanket to show for it. The new prizes, however, are far superior. First year winners receive a navy pullover, second year winners get a fleece-lined jacket, third year winners get a professional bag, and four year winners receive the same blanket as the previous winners. These prizes are nicer, more expensive, and much more stylish than the awards we received.

I am not a member of the Fashion Police, but the old bluish letter jackets we received are far from trendy. I barely ever see anyone wearing one on campus, proving how others feel about them, too. They serve a purpose, though. The jackets are good for playing football on a muddy day, raking your leaves (as long as no one is looking), and are quite absorbent in the event of a spill in a dorm room. Other than that, these jackets have been tossed aside by most winners, to stay in the back of a closet or the bottom of a drawer.

One of my fondest memories of high school was when I received my letter. Wearing my letter jacket was prideful and honorable, something I anticipated for years. I miss those days of being recognized and clustered with the other letter jacket-wearers at football and basketball games. Thankfully, the college has decided to do away with the old jackets, but once again, it is a year too late for the class of 2002.

Overall, I am very appreciative and thankful for all the college and the athletic department have done for me over these last years. However, I feel that there are measures that can and should be taken to compensate for the years of transition we have faced. We are Titans, and we should be proud to say that, especially since the hassles and difficulties we have tackled will allow the college to stand proud and continue the winning Titan tradition.

Men fourth, women 10th at Akron Invitational

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend, the swim teams closed the first half of the season at the Akron University Invitational. The men's squad finished fourth of 10 teams, while the women's squad placed 10th of 15, both against primarily Division I schools including Akron, Xavier, Cornell and the University of Buffalo.

After the second day of competition, the men sat in fourth with 676.5 points. Junior Jim Mann led the Titans with two individual top 16 places and two relay contributions. Mann took seventh in the 100 butterfly, fifth in the 100 backstroke and swam legs on the fifth place 200 medley and the sixth place 800 freestyle relays.

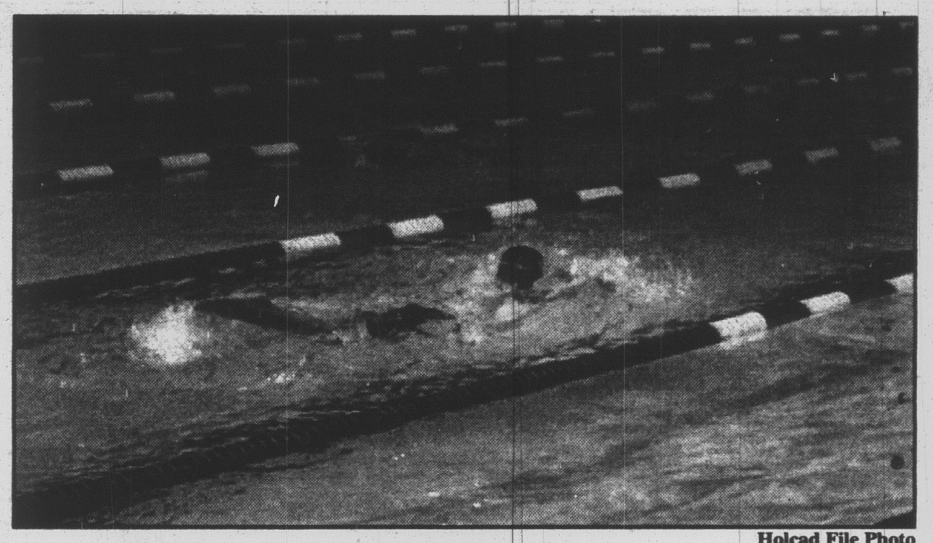
The women finished day two in 10th place with 202 points on the backs of juniors Amanda Olinger, 16th in 400 IM, and Stephanie King, ninth in the 100 breaststroke, and sophomore Brittany Jardine, sixth in the 100 butterfly. The women also placed in two relays; 14th in the 800 freestyle and 13th in 200 medley.

On the final day of competition, the men added 293 points. Senior Chris Giles took sixth in the 100 freestyle. Mann continued to pace the men with an eighth place in the 200 backstroke, while fellow junior Richard King placed seventh in the 1650 freestyle.

The women claimed 63 points to hold onto tenth place. Jardine and King led the squad, ninth in the 200 butterfly and 12th in the 200 breaststroke respectively.

Olinger summed up the weekend, "We had some tough competition, but I think everyone pulled through and swam very well."

The teams have entered a training session, free from competitions until January 12th, when they face the University of the South at Rollins, Fla.



Holcad File Photo
The Swimming Titans practice hard to prepare for their meets.

Lady Titans 2-3 after weekend's win

Holcad File Photo
The women's basketball team won 65-51 over Mt. Aloysius.

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball program improved to 2-3 with last weekend's 65-51 victory over Mt. Aloysius.

During the first half, the Titans took the lead on a 25-14 scoring run to bring the tally to 27-22 at halftime. Mt. Aloysius' final lead came during the third quarter, before Westminster regained control on a 14-1 run and held over a nine-point lead for the remainder of the contest.

Leading the way for the women was senior guard Robin Thayer with 25 points and eight boards. Thayer is en route to becoming the fifth woman in Westminster history to score 1000 points in a career. She now has 998.

Also contributing to the win were juniors Teale Ganster and Jenifer Petures, each with 10 points. Fellow junior Samor Himes grabbed eight rebounds, while junior Ashley Kenney chalked-up 17 assists.

The women return to action this weekend at the Wooster College Invitational near Canton, Ohio.

This week in sports

Friday, 12/7/01
WBB at Wooster Invitational - 6 & 8 p.m.

Saturday, 12/8/01
WBB at Wooster Invitational - 1 & 3 p.m.
MBB VS. MOUNT ALOYSIUS - 3 p.m.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Thanks to the Happy Bus drivers for taking me from my parking spot to my dorm on Friday night."

"I love Bruno's Double Shot show on Wednesday nights."

"The basketball managers do fabulous work."

"Where's the snow?"

"Code Red in the cafeteria is awesome."

"Finally there is more lighting in the Physical Plant parking lot. Thank you."

"People who throw trash in recycling bins are ignorant."

"I love the fresh cut Christmas trees around campus. They remind me of home, and get me into the holiday mood."

"The new TUB is going to look like a shopping mall with all the crazy banners hanging from the ceiling."

"The library is too hot. I can't study."

"What's up with the new rule denying access to MP3's?"

"Every day should be potato day."

"Why are there decrepit tomoto slices that burn in Galbreath's stove?"

"I needed to make cookies for a presentation and there are no cookie sheets/baking sheets anywhere on this campus."

"Is this what they mean by global warming?"

"They should remove the trees from the quad... it's a lawsuit waiting to happen."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: The Spirit of Giving

On New Year's Eve 1999 we thought the world was going to end, that Y2K was going to erase all hard drives and cause the lights to go out.

This year we have grown to fear happiness. We have come to worry that if we let ourselves truly rejoice, then someone or something will come along and take it all away again as Osama bin Laden did on Sept. 11.

As Christmas and New Year's approach this year, what are we supposed to do? Is it possible to let ourselves relax enough to enjoy the holiday season?

We've been told by President Bush to spend, spend, spend. Keep the economy rolling. Keep the dollars circulating. Only in America is it possible to calm all fears by buying material goods. But Americans don't have to buy for themselves or for their families, now is the time to buy in the name of charity. Projects like the Giving Tree encourage spending in a way that brightens the holiday of needy people.

As college students, we may not be able to put a lot of money back into the economy, as we don't have much to start out with. We are a people on a budget, but we will probably still spend. So what about those of us who have no money to spend?

As Christmas and New Year's approach this year, what are we supposed to do? Is it possible to let ourselves relax enough to enjoy the holiday season?

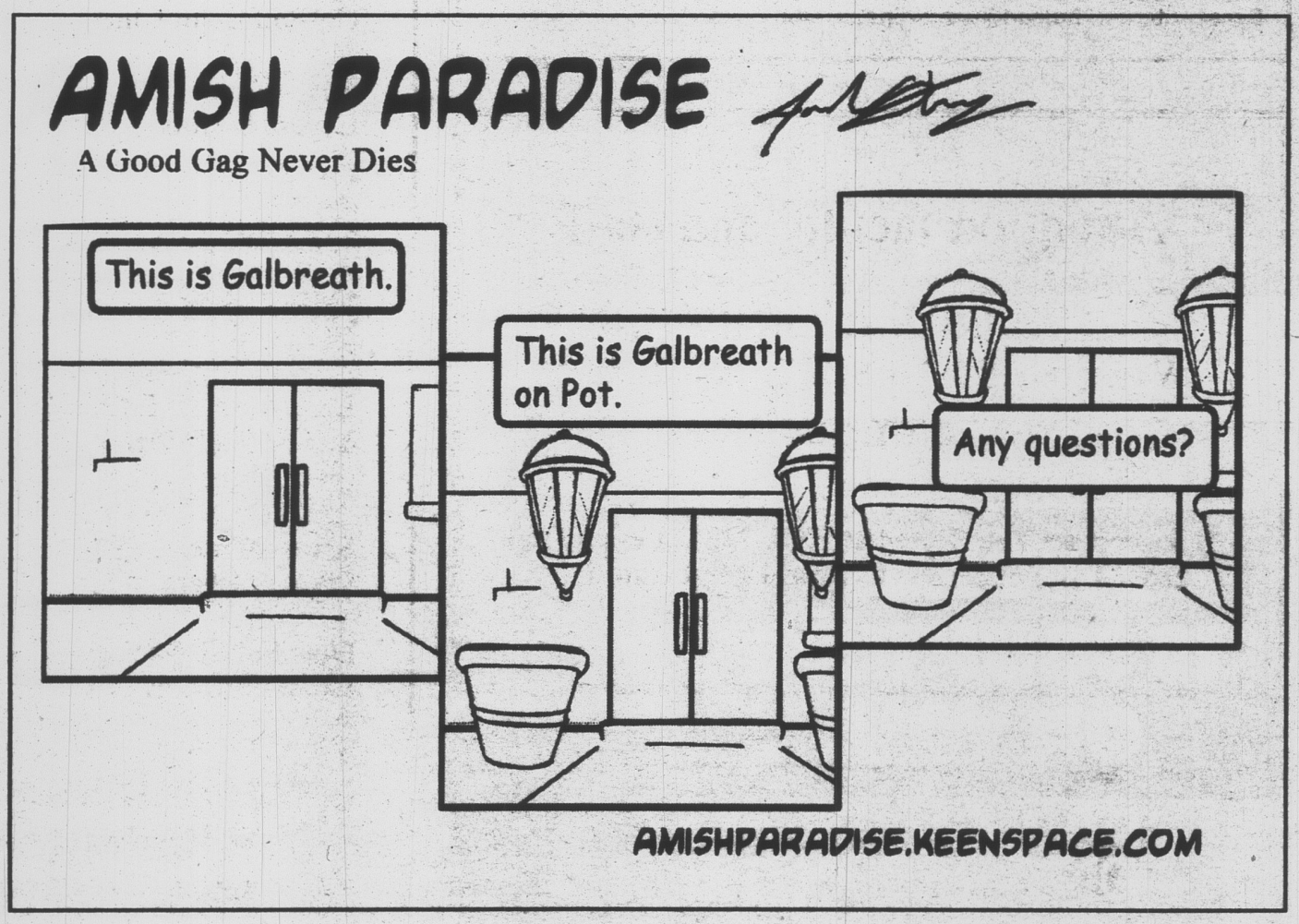
Well, we can throw ourselves completely into the spirit of Christmas. We can give more than just the material goods. We can spread the emotion of hope.

There is the saying "love makes the world go 'round." Well, maybe love can't end the war, but it certainly can make the world a better place to live. In the spirit of Christmas this year, let's let the little arguments go unnoticed. Let's turn the other cheek. Let's go the extra mile to do a good deed. Let's go out of our way to help a friend.

In the spirit of giving, let us give what we can, be it only a hopeful smile to someone who looks down.

Most of the world condemns America as a nation whose only concern is the dollar in the pocket. With the recent attacks, we have the chance to change the global opinion.

On New Year's Eve 2001, let us not live in fear. Let us stand proud and let the world know that while we may not be able to do anything to change it, there is still hope.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Holcad Staff:

I would like to express my feelings towards your article, "Time to speak up." I was deeply offended by the stereotypes you have placed upon us as "unintelligent students." It seemed that it has not occurred to the editor that instead of taking the time out of our active schedules to write what we think, we have already taken the effort to do it. Your article states that we have lost our ability to converse intelligently about local and global issues; well here are my actions and the actions of others on the subject at hand.

We are organizing a Serve-A-Thon, which will consist of a group of students who have gotten together in order to commit themselves to the issues at large. Businesses from surrounding communities will be asked to donate to Peace Brigades International (PBI), a volunteer organization that travels the world promoting peaceful solutions to violent situations. This project has been in process since the third week of classes.

Though all of this may be a bit overwhelming, we do believe in something, and we do have a cause. So, instead of spending valuable time casting opinions on those already helping in this time of need, you should take a stand and act upon what you preach. Remember, not all protests come in the form of violence. Take that old bit about apathy and put it away; it does not apply to Westminster.

If anyone would like to be involved in this organization please contact one of the following people for information: Jennifer Rowe, Sarah Stankorb, James Barrie, or Maegan Martuccio. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rowe

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Guest editorial: Will new card restrict civil liberties?

Staff Editorial
Daily Targum (Rutgers U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Imagine having all of your medical history–all allergy information and medical data–on one card. Imagine also having any record of an illegal history on that card. Imagine this card being able to let government officials know what you are purchasing–when and where. This is not a page out of George Orwell's "1984;" it could soon be real life.

For several decades there has been debate about the United States making its own national identification card. The card would replace Social Security cards, and the more than 400 different versions of driver licenses in the nation. It could also include the information noted above, and more. An identification card that is simply an identification card in its purest sense is fine, but the card borders on violating civil liberties when it becomes a tracking device.

Countries such as Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand equip their citizens with national identification cards. These cards could fare well for our country. The debate was brought to the forefront after the attacks on Sept. 11, because the hijackers had national identification, such as driver's licenses and social security numbers. Some of this ID was phony, but a national security card would cut down on this.

Yet some of the information that officials are suggesting be included on the card would only make matters worse for the public. Such personal information is not the government's business, and officials are proposing it be placed on databases in computers, which have already proved that they are easily hacked. Especially now, though, during this time of national crisis, it is not the time to be implementing a program that could infringe on the nation's civil liberties. An ID card that is harder to counterfeit than a driver's license is great, but a card that will let the government know what you just bought at the grocery store is not.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Spy Game

...they're after you!

Tyler Domske

Well, if you ask for something long enough, you're bound to get it. Since this is the last review before Christmas, I guess this was my Christmas present. Alas, I was looking for a movie that wasn't good, and I got it.

Enter *Spy Game*, the newest in the pseudo-genre of crazy paced schizophrenic thrillers that try way too hard to be cool. This one is helmed by Tony Scott, brother of the over-rated Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*), and the kind of director who probably has a license plate on his car that says "2COOL4U" (that is of course if *Armageddon's* Michael Bay hasn't already taken it).

If the movie were a high school student, it would be captain of the football team, wear sunglasses at night, and have a kegger this Friday night.

The movie follows the 24 hours of tense dealings in a CIA office, with bureaucratic fat cats and retiring agent Nathan Muir (Robert Redford) arguing over whether or not they should rescue his US spy Tom Bishop (Brad Pitt) from a Chinese prison. That, along with some rather long flashbacks is basically the movie.

Scott must be vying for the "action movie director with the most close ups at the wrong times" award. Half the time you can't tell who's on screen because the camera is so close, it's up their noses. I kept wanting to move further back in the theater just so I could see what was actually going on.

The pace is frenetic, the style is crazy cut, and everything is monochromatic. The bulk of the movie is a cold steely hue, much like Scott's last film, *Enemy of the State*, which gives it a rather drab, robotic feel. Everything about the direction and cinematography is robotic, from the swirly-whirl camera moves to the super freeze frame time announcements - BAM! IT'S 8:02!! - (which is so silly and surprising that it made me laugh out loud the first time it happened).

The story itself is very good, which makes it a shame that the direction is so insane. The flashbacks are the bulk of the movie, and are in essence stories on their own (which makes it seem the movie should be *Spy GameS*). The story moves along at a pace that's totally incongruous with Scott's madness, developing nicely, but sadly much of the developments are covered up by Scott's trickery.

It's such a tight script that you if you stop paying attention for a minute, you may just get lost for good, and with Scott's bells and whistles, it's like trying to memorize the periodic table of elements with a strobe light flashing in your face. Pitt is great, as expected in his comfortable second-fiddle role (try to think of a movie where he is actually the lead). Redford, who is so wrinkly he's apparently turned into a basset hound, is also quite good (though the movie is much too funky for him) and it's fun to see them together.

Let me tell you now about the best part of the movie - the previews! The five previews that played before this flick were so dazzling, it was almost worth the price of admission for them alone. *Star Wars, Vanilla Sky, Black Hawk Down, A Beautiful Mind* and one of the coolest trailers in a while, *The Bourne Identity*. What a Christmas this will be! The future's so bright, I gotta get some shades. Hey, I can borrow some from Tony Scott!

Worth: Eh, wait this one out. Dollar Theater at best, but a less in-your-face video viewing might help it out.

Grade: C+

By the way, go see *Ocean's Eleven* next week. I'm giving it an A+ right now. I don't care that I haven't seen it.

Brad Dell

I just can't help but marvel at how well Robert Redford and Brad Pitt act as the quintessential dynamic duo. They've been doing this for years, right? Actually, never before. *Spy Game* is their first onscreen collaboration. And it was a tour de force of suspense, thrills, interspersed with brief hints of stellar character interaction.

CIA operative Nathan Muir (Robert Redford) is on the brink of retirement, when he learns that his "student in spy," John Bishop (super-hottie Brad Pitt) has been arrested in China for espionage. The Chinese want to execute Bishop in 24 hours, and the U.S. government is looking for any reason to allow the Chinese to murder Bishop, but sneaky and sly Nathan Muir brings his underhanded skills of espionage to the table one final time in order to rescue Bishop. While executing his elaborate scheme, Muir sits around a table with CIA big-wigs and recounts his history with Bishop: Muir's discovery of Bishop in the jungles of Vietnam, their turbulent years as operatives, and the woman who threatened their careers and their friendship.

Director Tony Scott accentuates Muir's race against the clock by periodically freezing the action and displaying the time. Scott's direction is strikingly reminiscent of *Enemy of the State*, the last film that Scott helmed. *Enemy of the State* was about the government's frightening expansive system of surveillance that could literally visually follow a person from coastline to coastline. So, the camera shots were jerky and spiraled, as though we were constantly zooming in on our target. For obvious reasons, Scott took a similar approach with *Spy Game*.

In one particularly evocative visual scene, Muir and Bishop are involved in a heated discussion around a folding table on a rooftop in the middle of turbulent Beirut. Car horns and traffic echo up from the streets, but Muir and Bishop are seemingly safe and alone as Scott suspends them so precociously high above the incredible violence below. When their conversation disbands in conflict, Bishop angrily walks out onto an eye beam and hurriedly steps to the edge of the roof. In pace with his step, the camera pans around 180 degrees and out about a quarter of a mile, so that we see Bishop standing starkly alone on the edge of this building in the middle of the top of this wrecked city. It is a powerful and stomach-churning segment.

Muir and Bishop exhibit a typical teacher/student relationship. We've seen this pattern many times. The teacher trains the student, the student and the teacher work together in harmony, the student breaks away from the teacher, and the teacher saves the student when he is in trouble. In the few flashback scenes in which we see Pitt and Redford together, their chemistry is clear and compelling. These are two solid actors who were born to work together. The fact that Pitt and Redford look strikingly similar certainly adds to the cosmic effect of their chemistry.

I mean it. Brad Pitt could be Robert Redford's long lost illegitimate son. When Pitt looks at Redford, it's as though he is looking into a mirror that ages him 35 years.

Pitt's performance is certainly on par with his previous canon of work. He is a pretty boy character actor who sinks his teeth into roles like the coyote tears into a lamb.

Though Pitt is the natural eye candy, this is Redford's film. (Unfortunately, Redford, like Gene Hackman, has not been blessed by the graceful-aging gods. In this film, he shows more wrinkles on his face than I would imagine on the entire body of Sophia Petrillo. I hope Pitt has better luck.) But Redford has a lot of fun with this role. Without much to play off of (much of the movie seems to be Muir against the clock, Muir against the government, and Muir against himself), Redford tinkers with our comic sensitivities, saving the day with a whimsical grace not far from the likes of Leslie Neilson in *Naked Gun*. We like this character, and we applaud his hijinx.

Unfortunately, because the film is played mostly in flashbacks, dynamic interplay between these two acting gems is not maximized as well as I would like. When they're together, their chemistry is magical, but these encounters are few and far between.

Spy Game is a good suspense, thriller flick. I wasn't disappointed on that edge, but I wish Tony Scott would have taken more advantage of the bubbling chemistry between these fine actors.

3 stars.

One-act opera to be performed tonight in Orr at 7:30 p.m.

By Beth Staley
A&E EDITOR

What have you done to celebrate the holiday so far? Have you listened to Christmas songs, purchased presents, decorated with lights and garland, baked cookies, watched Christmas movies, written to or visited Santa, sent Christmas cards? The list of ways to celebrate the holiday goes on and on.

Nonetheless, in doing so many things, we often lose sight of the holiday's true spirit and meaning. If you want to give your friends a gift that is in accordance with the true spirit and meaning of Christmas, take them to see *A Shepherd's Christmas*, an opera based on a medieval comic play that features some of the finest voices on campus.

Students, faculty, friends and family are cordially invited to hear the vocal mastery and finesse of Benjamin Abel, Amber Cole, Paula Ann Jones, Heidi Langdon, Donna Macurdy, Diana Rodenhausen and Sean Taylor in *A Shepherd's Christmas*. The hour-long performance will be sung in English at 7:30 tonight, Dec. 7, in the chapel.

Directors Scott Mackenzie, theater instructor, and Dr. Anne Hagan Bentz, Assistant Professor of Music, anticipate this evening's show with pride and enthusiasm.

"With beautiful music that runs the gamut from lovely arias to witty word play," Mackenzie said, "*A Shepherd's Christmas* is a delightful and moving way to celebrate the season."

Bentz agrees that this unusual and funny opera is ideal for Christmas. "I think that the quality of voices here is just exceptional."

Once-sly thief Mak and his wife Gill steal a sheep and hide it from the shepherds. In search of their sheep, the shepherds embark on a journey that leads them to the newborn Christ child.

Reverend Steve Allen, Chaplain, explains that the shepherds' opportunity to see the Christ child is an event of sincere and jubilant rejoicing. Hardship and poverty mark the shepherds' lives, and yet, the angels lead them, not the patriarchs and prophets, to see Jesus. Rev. Allen invites us to join the shepherds in joy and awe. "As we celebrate the gift of the Christ child," he asks, "may we, like the shepherds, recognize the awesome opportunity we have. May we discover the grace of God this Christmas season and may we sing of his mighty works in the living of our lives."

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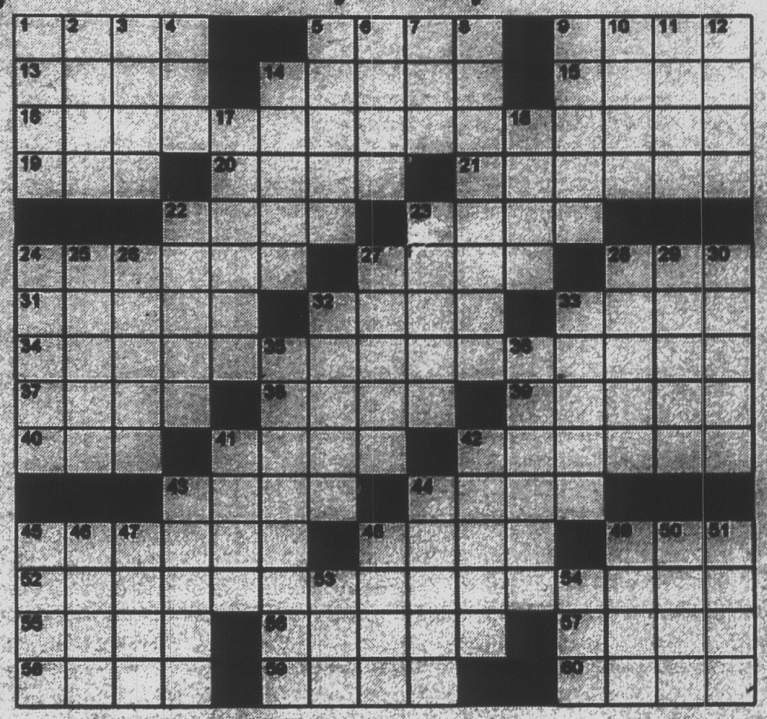
***A Shepherd's Christmas* offers humor as well as beauty.**

Crossword 101

Yuletide Greetings

By Ed Canty



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59 Lyric poems
60 Snitches

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30 Disturbance
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33 NYC doughnut
35 Dagger
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53 At the center
54 ____ Town

Quotable Quote

A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together.

• • • *Garrison Keillor*

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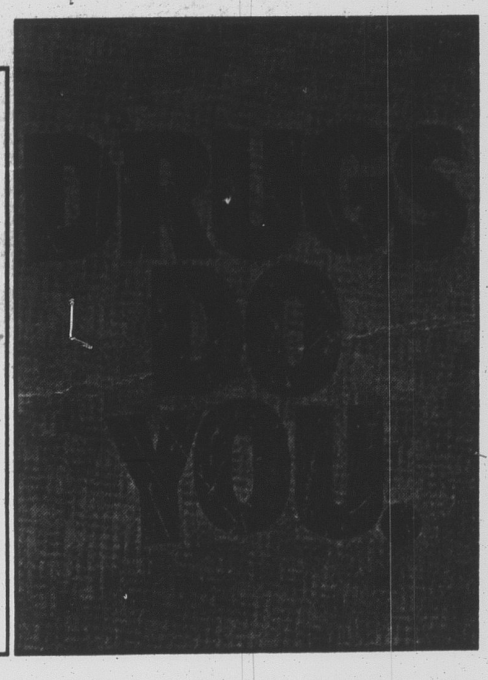


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
You will see financial dealings improving this week. And it may be best to stick to time-tested realities. Steer clear of all who cannot be trusted, or seem to be working towards a goal purely for themselves. You enjoy change, variety and adventure.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)
Think before you speak and make sure you have all your facts straight. If you are involved in a love affair, it can be especially intense right now; and may be an excellent time for a proposal.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)
This week may not be the best time to settle old grievances or new arguments, or try to make much of an impression with anyone. It may be best to adopt a low profile.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)
Now begins a fortunate period for your family and home interests. Feelings are intense in the romance department, so sidestep a showdown that could be memorable.

LEO: (July 24-Aug. 23)
Don't bottle up your feelings; express your anger in a positive way. Remember to speak clearly to avoid any misunderstanding. Avoid arguing with family members.

VIRGO: (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Expectations are high and you are apt to run into obstacles wherever you turn. It may be best to lie low, and not make waves, waiting for a more opportune time. People you deal with tend to be overemotional.

LIBRA: (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
Happiness and financial success are surely on their way to you. Someone may be trying to involve you in a financial deal which just does not feel right for you. There is delightful rapport with a mate, lover or close friend.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
A new romance may be waiting in the wings for you. It might not be a new person, but somebody you already know, and hadn't realized the possibilities before. You will make great progress in self-knowledge and spiritual growth in the coming year.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov.23 - Dec. 21)
It's an excellent time for beginning a domestic project or closing a real estate deal. Most of the week will find you in an upbeat mood, possibly planning a get together with friends.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
There seems to be questions from all sides regarding your career and business interests. But after this week, these problems will clear up for many months. Meanwhile, it may be best to postpone important decisions.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Your physical energy is at a low point this week. In the next few weeks, you are bound to make major decisions regarding your personal life, so think about your moves and plan accordingly.

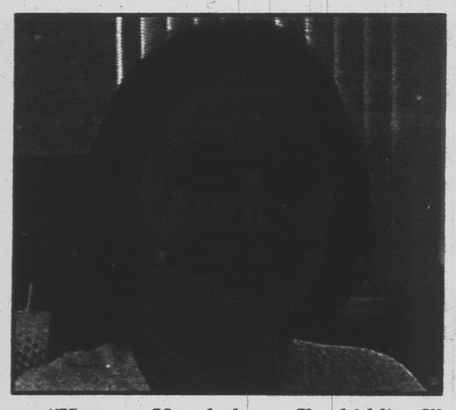
PISCES: (Feb. 20-March 20)
This week will basically be another struggle for survival, primarily on the job, but also in other people's conflicts. It will be tense for awhile, and it would be best for you to tread very lightly on others' sensitivities.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Look toward the goal you've established for yourself in your career. Try to sidestep any minor difficulties and see the whole picture. Pay attention to your mental and physical vitality, and stay away from situations which will end in overspending, overdoing or overindulging.

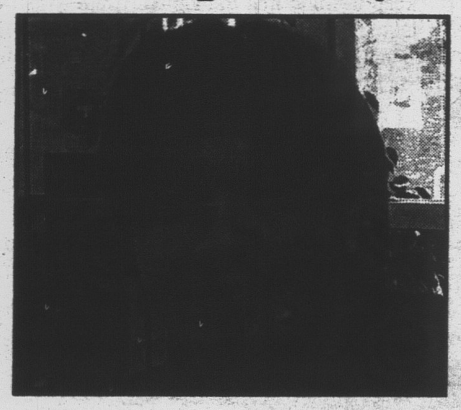
FEATURE

Question of the week: Worst gift?

What is the worst Christmas present you have ever received?



"Herpes.- You do know I'm kidding?" – **Jess Brown, junior**



"A pair of pajamas. They were flannel, but they were flame-retardant at the same time." – **Chris Borst, junior**

"The worst present I got would have to be when pogs were big. Remember those? My mom got me this tube with almost 300 pogs in it." -- **Shawn Reed, senior**

"A pencil sharpener. That was the one present I got to open on Christmas Eve and it was an electronic pencil sharpener." – **Adriann Popovich, senior**

"It would probably be the promise ring from my boyfriend that he gave to his ex-girlfriend." – **Pam Sloan, sophomore**

"Last year, my sisters and I got "dickies" from my aunts-in-law. We though it was hilarious. They had holly berries on them." – **Christina Waszczak, junior**

"Underwear." – **Matt Nelson, sophomore**

"Hand-me-downs that could not be exchanged." – **Matt Kostovny, junior**

"My boyfriend got me a power bracelet last year." – **Megan Marshall, freshman**

"Golf tees." – **Willis Bretz, freshman**

"I'd have to say … G.I. Joes when I was 14 years old, from my aunt." – **Jordan Kaufman, freshman**

Perkins co-writes Drake honorary book

By Bridgette Kennedy
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Jim Perkins, department chair of English and public relations, published a new book entitled *For the Record -A Robert Drake Reader*. It was written in honor of Robert Drake, and includes samples of Drake's best stories and essays on creative writing.

This book can be used for writing classes or for pleasure reading, but was originally intended to be a biography of Drake. Drake was Perkins' teacher at the University of Tennessee, and about 10 years later, co-author Randy Hendricks also became Drake's student.

Perkins was contacted by Mercer University Press to write a biography on Drake. When Perkins went to interview Drake in 1998, each time Perkins would ask him a personal question, Drake would reply, "I'm not going to tell you all my beauty secrets."

Perkins said he realized it would be difficult to write the book as a biography. Soon after, Perkins and Hendricks decided to put together a book in Drake's honor.

A few weeks ago, while attending a South Atlantic Modern Language Association conference in Atlanta, Perkins was asked to do a book signing for his new book. While at the signing, he received a contract for another book, a collection of short stories he has already written and published twice.

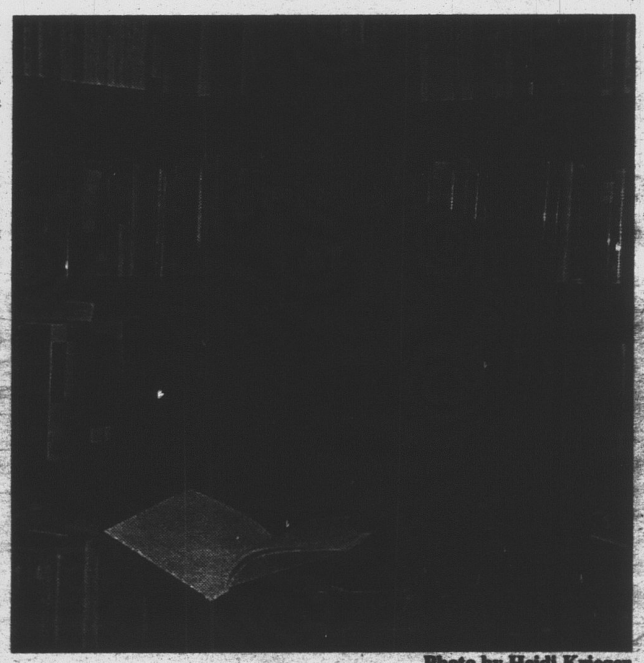
Perkins had published eight books and two more are currently at the publishers.

His most recent book is available to order from any book store. Though Drake passed away before it was actually published, he was able to read the book.

Perkins said he hopes that readers will gain, "A sense that if you listen to people around you, especially older people, you'll have something to write about. Their stories are always interesting."

"I'm glad I got a chance to do it because I respected Robert," Perkins said. "He wrote eight books of short stories during his life. He taught me about writing by reading his works, and besides learning from his skills, he taught me how to love travel. I was able to do something in appreciation ... He was a tremendous teacher."

Perkins' future plans include publishing a novel he wrote 15 years ago called, *Plea Bargaining with Puberty*, editing selected letters of Robert Penn Warren volumes three through six, and publishing a large volume of his poems, and another book of short stories entitled, *A Thunderous Collection of Weird*.



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Dr. Perkins and his book collection.

Students reprioritize with grades on the bottom of the list

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

Christmas break is almost here, even if it seems so far away. I, for one, tend to forget about Christmas because I cannot shift my focus away from finals and all of the fun things I have to do before then. Not that I'm complaining ... I'm just experiencing that senior apathy thing.

I'm sitting here trying to come up with a twist to put on an article about Christmas break ... maybe something to do with fun and cheap gift ideas or maybe something to do with finals - how cramming is bad for you, but I don't truly feel like it. I'm apathetic. I can't help it.

I've been trying to come to terms with this apathy, which seems to have spread like the cold around campus and everyone seems to be in agreement - it has something to do with the Sept. 11 attacks. As much as I hate to shift blame again, something our generation loves to do, I think the recent apathetic tendencies of the students is a subconscious reaction to the recent bouts of terrorism.

All I want to do is sleep, eat and couch. All my roommates want to do is eat, sleep and couch. All anyone wants to do is eat, sleep and couch. You may ask, isn't it always this way around the end of the semester? Not for me ... I usually have this surge of academic energy which has something to do with a fear of getting my report card and having to make up for all the bad grades I received in previous weeks.

You may also ask ... is this just a senior thing? I don't think so. I know many freshman, sophomores and juniors who feel the same way. Junior Crystal Brian said, "I'm just sick of this semester. I want to go home." When I asked her if her feelings towards school were different this semester than in previous semesters, she responded, "Definitely."

I've seen news reports on how many Americans tend to be staying in on weekends more often and watching more movies. In the beginning, this may have been fear-induced, but the attacks occurred more than two months ago and I hardly think people fear going out to eat or going to the bar.

So why are we all feeling so apathetic? Well, for one thing, the terrorist attacks have made a lot of us realize what we have taken for granted over the years - family, friends etc. Some people have reprioritized.

So how is one grade, in one class, going to affect the rest of our lives? Chances are, if I fail a final this semester, I'm not going to remember it in five years. That doesn't mean I should forget about finals all together, I'm just not willing to stress over it as much.

SGA to hold two more events before semester's end

By Christina Contes
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With less than two weeks of school left, SGA still has two major events coming up. The first is the annual College Bowl on Saturday. The event starts early and ends late so students are invited to come and watch even if they're not playing. Cash prizes will be awarded and there will be plenty of food.

The other major event is the first ever SGA Day. On Monday, Dec. 10, senators and executive members of SGA will be outside of Orr auditorium passing out free hot cocoa and donuts. Students can also get a ride to class in golf carts.

With Mardi Gras less than two months away, SGA has already started planning. It was decided that non-Westminster students would be charged $10 admission for the bands. SGA is sponsoring fireworks for the celebration and SGA voted to have two bands to open for Red Wanting Blue. The two bands will be Arizona Bay and Some are Heroes.

The Food Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, Nov. 27. The committee is looking into having soft serve ice cream on weekends, another Pierogie Day has been added and Mountain Dew, Code Red is now available in the cafeteria, TUB and most vending machines on campus. The most important topic at the meeting was the Caring Cans project. In the cafeteria and TUB, students are encouraged to donate cans of food and other non-perishable items. If students can raise 300 pounds of food, Sodexho Marriot will match that amount.

Students who have concerns or comments are encouraged to take advantage of the comment boards located near the card swipe in the cafeteria and TUB. Food Advisory Committee meetings are open to students. Weekly menus are also available for student use.

With finals coming up, students should keep in mind that the annual Cram Jam will take place on Dec. 11. On the last day of finals, Dec. 15, the TUB will be open this year.

As the senators and executive committee near the end of their terms, SGA has begun setting the dates for next year's elections. Slate applications with résumés are due by Feb. 5 and the debate will be on Feb. 20. Slate elections will be held on March 6 and 7, while senator elections are on March 20 and 21. The SGA executive retreat will be March 22 and 23.

As the trip to Pittsburgh to see Les Miserables was a success, Special Events will be looking into taking more trips. Possiblities include more trips to Pittsburgh and a trip to Toronto to see a show.

SGA allocated money to several different organizations on Nov. 29. Nine hundred dollars was allocated to Titan Traverse, $2000 was allocated to Allies, $1000 was allocated to Outdoor and Conservation Club and $814.07 was allocated to the Plant Fund for new bulletin boards around campus.

The track is not yet completed due to more problems. Students are urged to stay off the track until it is officially ready.

The next SGA meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 30 in Philips Lecture Hall. All students are invited and encouraged to come.

The Holcad is looking for staff for the 2002-2003 school year.

Training will start in the spring.

Copy editors
Layout editors
Advertising manager
Distribution manager
Feature editor
A & E editor
Sports editor
Movie reviewers

Anyone interested in a position should e-mail holcad@westminster.edu, and tell us what position you would like and why. Please attach résumé.

Positions will be announced next semester.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GRINCH will be shown Friday, Dec. 7, at 10 p.m. in the Down Under. A donation will be taken to benefit the World Vision Foundation.

THE 11TH ANNUAL ECC LITERARY COMPETITION entries must be postmarked by Feb. 15. Prizes will be awarded in poetry and short fiction. Winners will receive a monetary prize, and will be submitted for possible publication in the literary journal published by the Ohio Valley Literary Group and Marietta College. Winning entries will also be published in the 2002 ECC Literary Anthology. For information on how to enter, contact the Westminster College English Department or call the ECC office at (330) 569-5953 or e-mail ecc@hiram.edu.

CHURCH INTERNSHIPS are available for both spring and summer semesters, and some even provide stipends. Contact Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338. Waugaman suggests students re-apply, even if you have already done so earlier this semester.

THE PITTSBURGH PENGUINS organization is looking for a public relations or English major to intern from Jan. to May. Contact Janet Waugaman at the Career Center or EXT. 6338.

JACKSON HEWITT TAX SERVICE in Hermitage is looking for interns to serve as tax technicians, marketing assistants and processors from Jan. through April. For more information, contact Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338 or Diane Wagner, General Manager, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, at (724) 346-4116.

NEMACOLIN WOODLANDS RESORT & SPA in Farmington, has a paid marketing internship available for January. Experience with Microsoft WordPerfect, Excel and Lotus is required. For more information, contact Charity Patterson, Nemacolin Woodlands Resort & Spa, 100 LaFayette Dr., Farmington, PA 15437 or visit the website www.nemacolin.com.

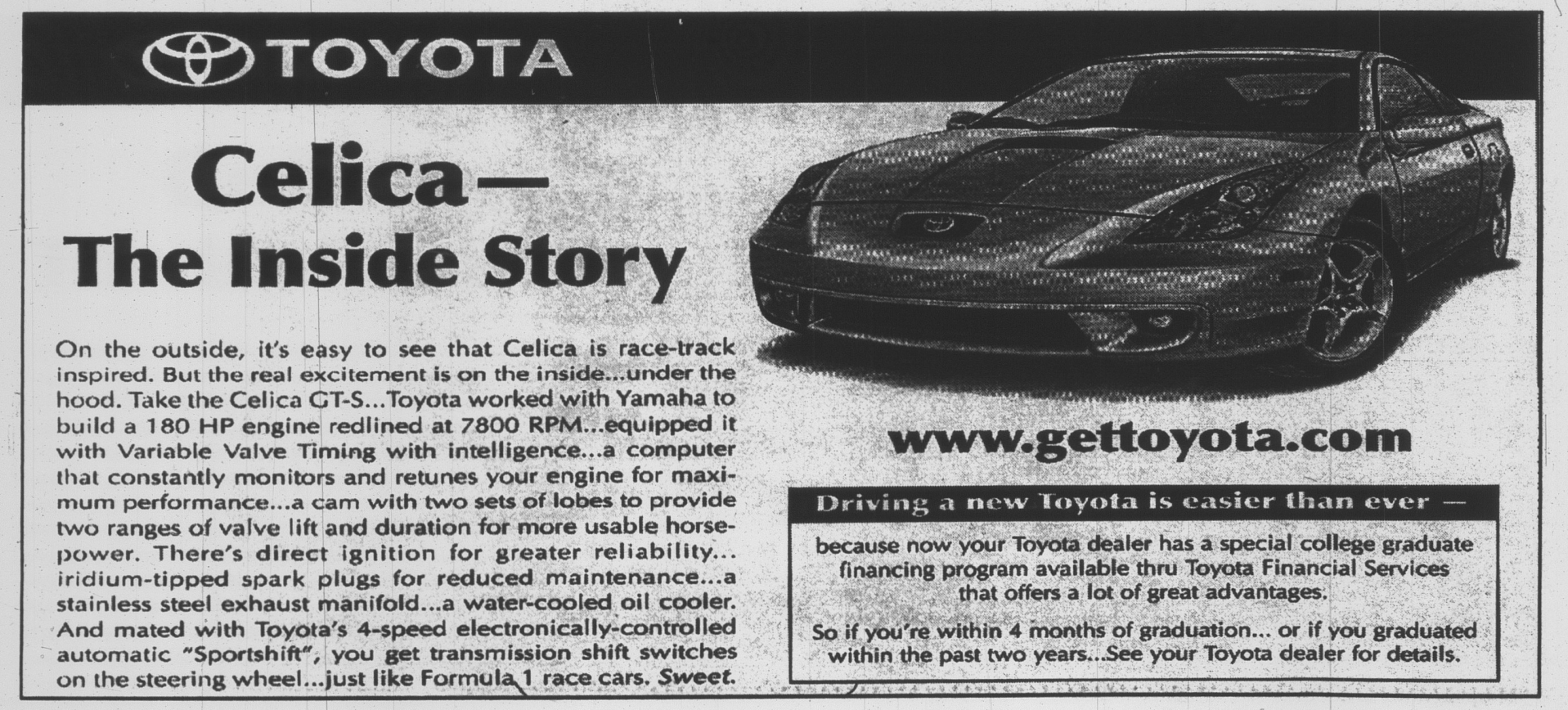
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS in Pittsburgh is looking for a marketing and communications intern. For details, call Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338. Résumé and cover letter should be sent to Jill Berardi, American Red Cross, P.O. Box 1769, Pittsburgh, PA 15230.

THE VINDICATOR in Youngstown, Ohio has four 12-week copy editing internships available, which pay $300 per week. Interested students should send their résumé and cover letter to Jeff Schoch, The Vindicator, P.O. Box 780, Youngstown, OH 44501.

THE WASHINGTON CENTER for Internships and Academic Seminars is looking for interns willing to help with the new challenges facing our nation. For more information, contact William Burke at 1-800-486-8921 or e-mail info@twc.edu or visit the website www.twc.edu.

WALTER REED ARMY INSTITUTE of Research, Silver Spring, Md., has internships available in the Department of Blood Research for biology, molecular biology and chemistry majors in the spring and summer of 2002. For more information, call Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH School of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology has a summer research fellowship with a stipend of $3,000. Interested students should be considering a career in biomedical and pharmaceutical research and be a junior or senior in the fall of 2002. For more information, contact Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338.



Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 7
11:40 a.m. Chapel
6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Wooster College (OH) Tournament
7:00 p.m. "The Explorers" Planetarium Show — Hoyt Planetarium
7:00 p.m. Opera Performance — Chapel

SATURDAY 8
2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Wooster College (OH) Tournament
3:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Mount Aloysius (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
7:00 p.m. "The Explorers" Planetarium Show — Hoyt Planetarium
TBA College Bowl — Down Under

SUNDAY 9
2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Wooster College (OH) Tournament
3:00 p.m. M Basketball vs. Mount Aloysius (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
8:35 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting — HSC 152
TBA College Bowl — Down Under
9:00 p.m. Movie: The Grinch — Down Under

MONDAY 10
CLASSES END
FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship — Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
6:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Medaille (H)
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta — Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta — PH 112/113, 8:01 p.m.
Phi Mu — PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa — PH 311/312, 8:01 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha — Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC
8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Medaille (H)
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — Down Under
7:30 p.m. Celebrity Series Special Event: River City Brass Band & WC Concert Choir - Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Activation - Chapel
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114
Alpha Gamma Delta Caroling Throughout New Wilmington

TUESDAY 11
READING DAY
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Christmas Luncheon — Down Under
Noon - 4:00 p.m. Stress Reduction - Student Health Center
Noon Campus Club Christmas Luncheon - New Castle Country Club
7:00 p.m. Orchestra — Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. Cram Jam - Duff Dining Hall

WEDNESDAY 12
FINAL EXAMS
4:30 p.m. President's Christmas Open House for Community - Orr Lobby

THURSDAY 13
FINAL EXAMS
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - TC 314
4:30 p.m. President's Christmas Open House for Faculty/Staff/Retirees— Orr Lobby

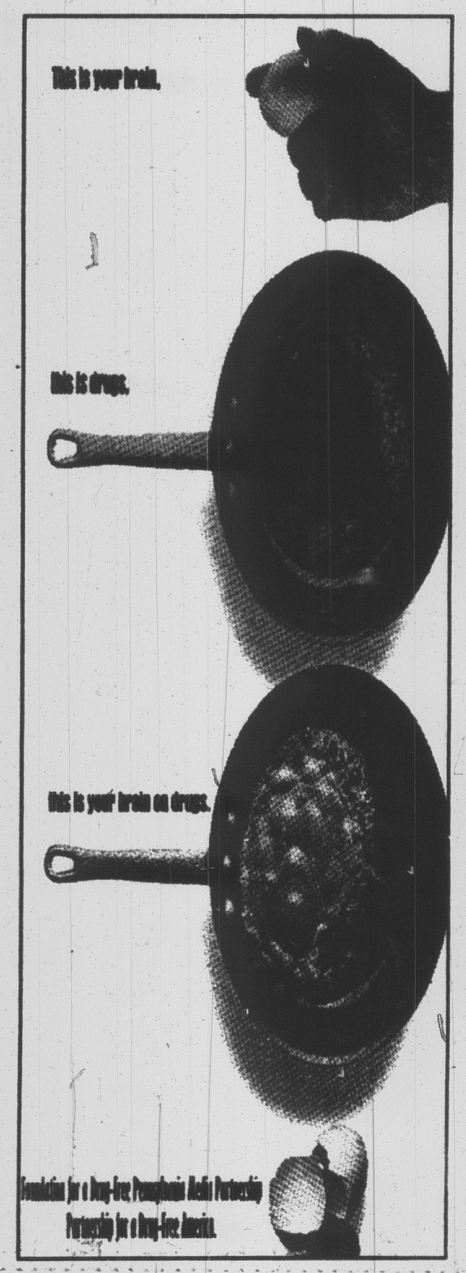
FRIDAY 14
FINAL EXAMS
11:00 p.m. Grille Closes For Break

SATURDAY 15
FINAL EXAMS
1:00 p.m. Faculty Recital: Nancy De Salvo -- Orr Auditorium
6:00 p.m. RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE FOR BREAK
Last Meal Before Break: LUNCH
LLP Block II Classes End

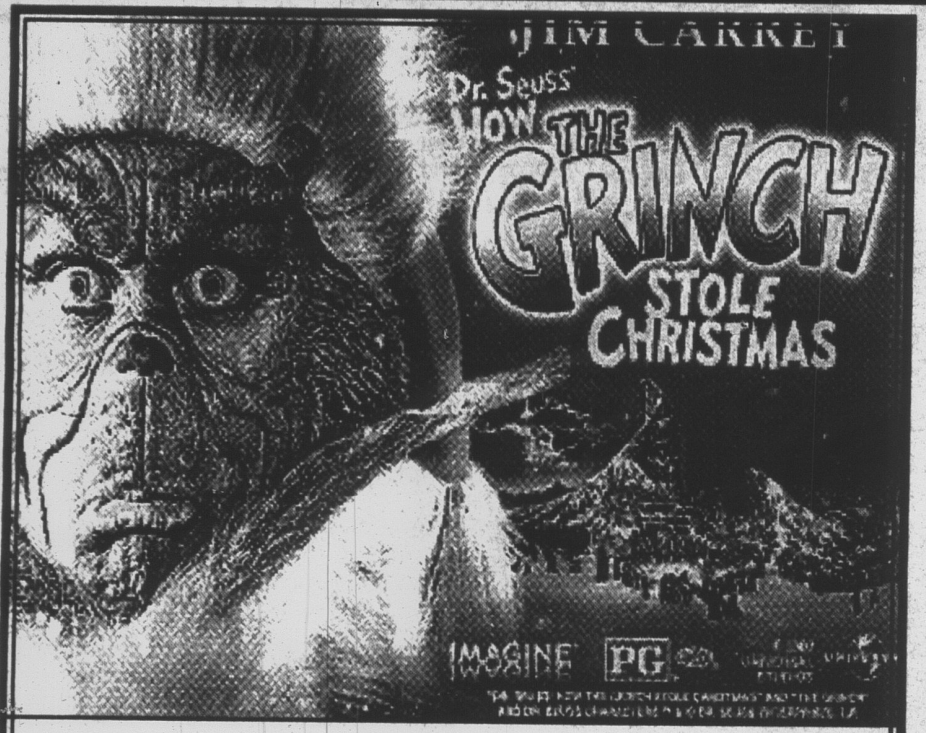
SUNDAY 16
7:00 p.m. Celebrity Series Special Event: "The Joy of Singing Christmas," featuring Marianne Cornetti -- Chapel

Fall Finals Schedule

	Exam 1 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Exam 2 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Exam 3 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Exam 4 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 12	9:20 a.m. TR	3:50 p.m. TR	12:50 p.m. MWF	Monday and Wednesday evening classes
Thursday, Dec. 13	12:30 p.m. TR	3:10 p.m. MWF	9:20 a.m. MWF	Tuesday and Thursday evening classes and TBA classes
Friday, Dec. 14	10:30 a.m. MWF	7:40 a.m. TR	2:00 p.m. MWF	
Saturday, Dec. 15	8:10 a.m. MWF	2:10 p.m. TR	Make-up period	



At the Down Under



Showing:
Friday, Dec. 7 at 10:00 p.m.
hosted by Russell Hall
and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 9:00 p.m.

As always, free popcorn, pop and cappuccino.

College Bowl

Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Will break for mass then continue from 8:05 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events Spring '02

Jan. 21: Kick-Off for the Sesquicentennial Year
Tom DeLuca and more
Jan 26: JT's Cafe, a Saturday

Feb. 1: Mardi Gras
Feb. 8: JT's Cafe
Feb. 16: Comic
Feb. 22: APO Retro Dance
Mar. 1: JT's Cafe
Mar. 2: Comic
Mar.22: One-Acts
Mar. 23: One-Acts
Apr. 5: JT's Cafe
Apr. 6: Comic
Apr. 19 - 21: Lil Sib's Weekend
Apr. 19: JT's Cafe
May 3: JT's Cafe